
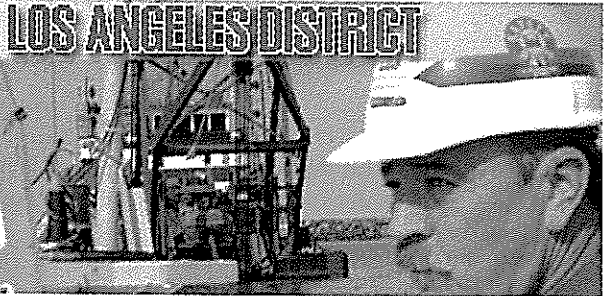


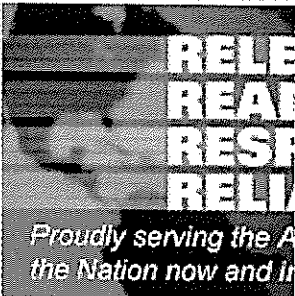
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**Corps designates two reaches of Santa Cruz River as 'Traditional Navigable Water'**

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**Corps designates two reaches of Santa Cruz River as 'Traditional Navigable Water'**

**LOS ANGELES** - The Corps of Engineers has determined that two reaches of the Santa Cruz River "waters" (TNWs), The determination is consistent with the Clean Water Act and national guidance U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Corps and court precedent. TNWs include "currently used, or were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce."

The two reaches are Study Reach A, from the Tubac gaging station downstream to the Continental Reach B, from the Roger Road wastewater treatment plant downstream to Pima/Pinal County line.

Col. Thomas H. Magness IV, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District, the Study Reaches' potential for commercial recreational navigation uses, as indicated by an analysis of physical characteristics, such as frequency, duration, and permanency of flow, and the multiple

COL Thomas H. Magness, IV

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the Reaches, such as low river banks, bridges, and trail systems.

The decision comes through examination of several requests in Pima County to determine jurisdiction to the Study Reaches of the Santa Cruz River.

"The finding that these reaches are TNWs is an important step in the process of determining the jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act (CWA)," Magness said. "We will continue to evaluate all that are protected by section 404 of the CWA."

Under the Act and recent Supreme Court decisions, waters that are jurisdictional under the CWA wetlands, relatively permanent waters and directly abutting wetlands, as well as other waters and possessing a significant nexus to a TNW. Discharges of dredged or fill material into these protected CWA permit from the Corps.

"The Corps is committed to working with all stakeholders to protect the many important water resources under the Clean Water Act," said Magness.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Determination of Two Reaches of the Santa Cruz River as Traditional Navigable Waters (TNW)

Summary

The Corps' Los Angeles District has determined that two reaches of the Santa Cruz River, Study Reach A from Tubac gage station (USGS # 09481740) to the Continental gage station (USGS #09482000) and Study Reach B from Roger Road wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) downstream to the Pima/Pinal County line, Arizona, as shown in Exhibit A, are TNWs (collectively, referred to as the "Study Reaches"). This determination is consistent with the Clean Water Act (CWA), the agencies' regulations (including 33 C.F.R. § 328.3), relevant case law, and existing guidance, including the June 5, 2007 joint U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of the Army legal memorandum entitled *Clean Water Act Jurisdiction Following the U.S. Supreme Court's Decision in Rapanos v. United States & Carabell v. United States* (Rapanos Guidance) and *Appendix D of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jurisdictional Determination Form Instructional Guidebook* issued June 5, 2007 (Appendix D).

Background

The Santa Cruz River originates in Arizona, flows south into Mexico, and then flows north again into Arizona. It is the primary river which flows from Nogales, Mexico through Tucson, Arizona, and a number of Indian reservations, including Tohono O'odham Nation (TON), to the Gila River near Phoenix. The watershed of the Santa Cruz River is approximately 8,600 square miles. Until the late nineteenth century, the Santa Cruz River was primarily a perennial watercourse that served the region's agricultural needs until a quickly developing industrial society began to tap the river's subsurface flow (Exhibit B).

The Upper Santa Cruz River Valley, located between Nogales, Arizona on the US-Mexico border, and extending 65 miles north to the major urban area of Tucson, has a long history of European settlement spanning three centuries. Prior to the discovery of the area by European explorers, the area was inhabited for thousands of years by aboriginal native peoples. The Santa Cruz River has long been an important corridor for trade and exploration. The river and its well-established riparian habitat have served as a vital commodity for people and wildlife in the region.<sup>1</sup>

In addition to the use of the Study Reaches by recreational watercraft described in case-specific analysis below, in the mid 1850s, William Rowlett and his brother, Alfred, constructed an earthen dam on the Santa Cruz River south of the present-day Silverlake Road. They also installed a water-powered flour mill at this location in 1857/58. In 1860, William Grant purchased the flour mill and the dam/lake and improved the dam and mill in order to supply military posts in the southwestern region. He built a second, larger mill on the river and purchased the machinery in California. However, the mill was burned in 1861 to keep it from falling into Confederate hands. The mill was purchased by James Lee and returned to operations in 1864. In 1884, the mill, dam,

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<sup>1</sup> *The Santa Cruz River: A Resource Shared by Two Cities* by Hugh Holub, paper presented to the Border XXI EPA Regional Water Sub Work Group Meeting on March 6, 2001, Nogales, Sonora.

and lake were sold to Frederick Maish and Thomas Driscoll who developed the Silver Lake Resort. In 1883, Solomon Warner built a second dam and mill on the river. The lake was approximately 60 acres, 8 feet deep, and the *Arizona Citizen* reported the use of a flat-bottom boat on the lake. Waterfowl populated the lake and hunting organizations claimed exclusive rights to shooting the waterfowl. The dams at both Silver Lake and Warner's Lake were breached by floods in 1886 and 1887; the *Arizona Star* reported on July 13, 1887 that the river was wide and deep enough to float a "mammoth steamboat." In 1888, Frank and Warren Allison purchased Warner Lake, repaired the dam, and stocked the lake with carp for commercial fish production selling over 500 pounds of fish per day. Both dams were washed out by 1890.<sup>2</sup>

Further, in the summer of 1951, Glenton G. Syke, Tucson city engineer, navigated the Santa Cruz River in a 14-foot-long boat from the San Xavier del Bac Mission to Congress Street in Tucson.<sup>3</sup>

The Study Reaches were selected based on personal knowledge of the river by Regulatory staff, evidence of perennial flows based on stream gage data, and more readily available evidence of navigability.

#### Basis for TNW Determination

The Rapanos Guidance indicates that in its context, the term TNW refers to those waters that are under the jurisdiction of the Corps, pursuant to 33 C.F.R. § 328.3(a)(1), (i.e., "[a]ll waters which are currently used, or were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide."

As stated in Appendix D: "when determining whether a water body qualifies as a "traditional navigable water" (i.e., an (a)(1) water), relevant considerations include whether a Corps District has determined that the water body is a navigable water of the United States pursuant to 33 C.F.R. § 320.14, or the water body qualifies as a navigable water of the United States under any of the tests set forth in 33 C.F.R. Part 329, or a federal court has determined that the water body is navigable-in-fact under federal law for any purpose, or the water body is "navigable-in-fact" under the standards that have been used by the federal courts."

To determine whether the Study Reaches are a TNW, in accordance to 33 C.F.R. § 328.3(a)(1), a case-specific analysis to evaluate whether the Study Reaches are navigable-in-fact, including consideration of its potential susceptibility to interstate and foreign commerce, was undertaken. The Corps has determined that the Study Reaches are a TNW based on the following factors:

1. The physical characteristics of the Santa Cruz River within the Study Reaches indicate that they have the capacity and susceptibility to be navigated by recreational watercraft.

- A. Study Reach A is approximately 22 miles in length. The river near Tubac is typically more confined in ordinary flows to a channel approximately 15-20 feet wide with an approximate 1.5 mile wide, densely vegetated floodplain. Downstream of Amado, the floodplain increases in width to approximately 2.5 miles; the river channel is less confined, less vegetated, and more braided. Exhibit C shows monthly and daily flows for the Tubac, Amado, and Continental gage stations, as well as peak flows for the Amado and Continental gage stations (Tubac information unavailable). The monthly gage data indicate perennial flow at Tubac since

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<sup>2</sup> History of Navigation of the Santa Cruz River by Don Bufkin, citation unknown.

<sup>3</sup> Admiral of the Santa Cruz by Glenton G. Sykes, *The Journal of Arizona History*, Vol. 20, Number 4, Winter, 1979.

1996, flow most months at the Amado gage station since 2003 (prior years unavailable), and intermittent flows at the Continental gage station.<sup>4</sup> Average daily flows are typically lower in May and June but increase during the summer monsoon season which typically begins in July. Average daily flow rates again typically increase during December and January. The gage data indicate the highest daily mean value at the Tubac gage station over the last 11-12 years was 637 cubic feet per second (cfs) during October and the lowest daily mean value at the same station during the same period was 4.5 cfs during June. The highest daily mean values typically occur from July-October.<sup>5</sup> The range of mean monthly flows (6.9 to 78 cfs) and the average daily flow in a representative year of 35 cfs indicate perennial flow at the Tubac gage station. The mean monthly discharge information at the Amado gage station is only available since October, 2003; the mean monthly discharge at this station in the last four years varied from .97 cfs to 67 cfs while the daily mean flow chart at the Amado gage station indicates perennial flow. The mean monthly discharge at the Continental gage station since 1940 varies from .43 cfs to 76 cfs while the mean daily values since 1939 shows flow daily with the exception of mid to late May through mid-June. This is expected since the river begins subsurface flow at this point, which defines the downstream end of this Study Reach.

B. Study Reach B is approximately 32 miles in length. The width of the riverbed varies from approximately 280 feet at the Roger Road WWTP to approximately 670 feet at Cortaro and approximately 575 feet at Trico Road while the active (ordinary flow) river channel at all three locations varies from 40-60 feet; at one location within this Study Reach, the river diverges into two similarly-sized channels. The river in Study Reach B is often confined at its maximum width by steep banks with soil cement or other bank stabilization in several locations. In other locations, for example at Ina Road, the river has lower, easily accessible, vegetated banks. Some areas are more densely vegetated than others. Exhibit C shows monthly, daily, and peak flows for gage stations at Cortaro and Trico Road (just upstream of the Pima/Pinal County line). Average daily flows are typically lower in May and June but increase during the summer monsoon season which typically begins in July. Average daily flows again typically increase during December and January. The highest average daily mean value at the Cortaro gage station over the last 57-60 years was 703 cfs, also in October, and the lowest average daily mean value at the same station over the same period was 22 cfs during June. The average monthly discharge ranges from 23 to 124 cfs and the average daily flow in a representative year of 75 cfs indicate perennial flow at the Cortaro gage station. At the Trico Road gage station, since 1997, the average monthly discharge ranged from 3.5 cfs to 710 cfs and daily mean values since 1989 ranged from 11 cfs to 863 cfs. The gage data document perennial flow at the Cortaro and Trico Road gages every month since 1996 with the exception of October, 1996.<sup>6</sup>

C. The peak flow charts demonstrate the frequency of flows which exceed 1,000 cfs.<sup>7</sup> Peak flow data is unavailable at the Tubac gage station; however, the maximum peak flow at the Amado gage station since 2004 was approximately 7,800 cfs and peak flow has approached or exceeded 2,000 cfs annually. The maximum peak flow at the Continental gage station was approximately 45,000 cfs in the early 1980s and the minimum peak flow has exceeded 1,000 cfs 63 times since 1940. The maximum peak flow at the Cortaro gage station exceeded 60,000 cfs in the early 1980s and has exceeded 1,000 cfs on an annual basis from 1940-1988 with the exception of once in the 1940s and once in the 1950s; the peak flow at the Cortaro gage station

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<sup>4</sup> <http://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/az/nwis/monthly>

<sup>5</sup> <http://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/az/nwis/dvstat>

<sup>6</sup> Ibid

<sup>7</sup> <http://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/az/nwis/peak>

has also exceeded 1,000 cfs on an annual basis since approximately 1995. The maximum peak flow at the Trico gage station exceeded 25,000 cfs in 2007 and the minimum peak flow has been at or exceeded 1,000 cfs most years since 1989. The figures at the end of Exhibit C indicate the "real time" stages for late March-early April, 2008, at the Tubac, Cortaro, and Trico Road gage stations indicating flows in the river on a daily basis.<sup>8</sup> All three stations indicated flows with depths varying from 1-2 feet and no precipitation had occurred for approximately 6 weeks.<sup>9</sup> Additional real-time stage data obtained for late May is also provided for Tubac, Green Valley (near Continental), Cortaro, and Trico Road and indicates 1-2 feet of water currently in the channel at all the above locations. Extremely light precipitation occurred one day during this timeframe; however, the amount of precipitation received would not have been sufficient to cause surface flows<sup>10</sup>. A list of the large magnitude peak flow events of the Santa Cruz River over the last 100 years is provided at Exhibit D.<sup>11</sup>

D. While there is a variation in minimum flow required for canoeing, studies indicate the 95% confidence interval on the predicted minimum canoeing flow of 86 cfs for flatwater is 63 to 118 cfs.<sup>12</sup> Approximately two-three feet of water depth is sufficient to float a canoe, kayak, or small boat. Based on the above information, during most days from July-October and again for approximately half the months of December and January, there is sufficient flow in the Santa Cruz River within the Study Reaches to float a canoe (based on the average daily mean value). Typically a kayak would be able to navigate in lower flows and less water than canoes.

E. Based on aerial photographs attached at Exhibit E, the Santa Cruz River from Tubac gage station to just upstream of Continental gage station and Roger Road WWTP to the Pima/Pinal County line has uninterrupted flow.

F. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has adopted water quality standards for the Santa Cruz River for partial body contact.<sup>13</sup> Partial body contact allows for use of the surface water where the body comes into contact with the water but does not become fully submerged. Allowable uses under partial body contact would include but are not limited to boating and wading.

## 2. The Study Reaches within the Santa Cruz River have public accessibility.

A. The river has low banks in the vicinity of Tubac which allows for easy public access; these areas are currently frequented by riders on horseback. Resorts along the river provide access for out-of-state visitors for birding and hiking along the river.

B. Two Corps of Engineers feasibility studies for river restoration, El Rio Medio and Tres Rios del Norte, are in process. El Rio Medio will begin at Congress Street and progress downstream to Prince Road; Tres Rios del Norte will begin at Prince Road and progress

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<sup>8</sup> National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service: <http://www/nws.noaa.gov/oh/ahps/>

<sup>9</sup> Personal observation, Marjorie Blaine, Senior Project Manager, Regulatory Division, Tucson Project Office

<sup>10</sup> Ibid

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/twc/hydro/floodhis.php>

<sup>12</sup> Riparian Areas of the Southwestern United States: Hydrology, Ecology, and Management by Malchus B. Baker and Peter F. Ffolliott, CRC Press, 2004

<sup>13</sup> Personal communication with Steve Pawlowski, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Unit Manager, Water Quality Standards and Assessments, April 24, 2008.

downstream to Sanders Road in Marana. These projects will provide public trails along the river. Although the final design for these two projects has not been completed, it is likely river access will be provided. The two projects are shown in Exhibit F.

C. There is currently public access to the river at several bridges, including but not limited to the Ina Road bridge where there are pull-out areas, the Cortaro Road bridge (including a parking lot), and at the Sanders Road bridge in Marana. All of these bridges have easy access to Interstate 10.

D. The historic 1200-mile Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail runs from Nogales, Arizona to San Francisco, California. This trail parallels and overlaps the Santa Cruz River in the Study Reaches. The river can be accessed at several points along this trail in the Study Reaches by auto or also on foot (Exhibit F).

3. The Study Reaches of the Santa Cruz River have been used for interstate commerce and have the potential to be used for commercial activities involving navigation and interstate commerce in the future.

A. Navigation has occurred historically and recent times within the Study Reaches of the Santa Cruz River.

(1) On August 23, 2005, as part of a promotion, a local radio show host navigated the Santa Cruz River in a raft for an unspecified distance starting at El Camino del Cerro (within Study Reach B) (Exhibit G).

(2) In October, 1994, two members of the Friends of the Santa Cruz navigated a 17-foot-long canoe from a point south of Tubac three miles to a point north of Tubac (Exhibit G).

B. The Santa Cruz River is an international and interstate water. Several areas along the river provide access for birding by out-of-state visitors and resorts bordering the river, such as the Tubac Golf Resort, host out-of-state visitors who partake in local recreation including hiking, horseback riding, and birding along the river. The Tucson Audubon Society's North Simpson Farm is an area where prolific riparian habitat restoration projects have been focused and it is well-known for its opportunities for birding. This type of "ecotourism" provides a significant water resource-oriented opportunity in the desert. The Study Reaches and other areas within the region receive many interstate and foreign tourists seeking to expand their "bird list"; the Sonoran Desert, particularly in riparian areas such as the Santa Cruz River, provides a significant opportunity to see species endemic to this area.

C. Use of the river within the Study Reaches by recreational watercraft provides evidence of the susceptibility for commercial use.

#### Determination

Public access points within of the Study Reaches such as low river banks, bridges, and trail systems, together with their physical characteristics, such as frequency, duration, and permanency of flow, indicate that the Study Reaches have the potential to be used for commercial recreational navigation activities, such as canoeing, kayaking, birding, nature and wildlife viewing. Such attractions and activities demonstrate that the Study Reaches may be susceptible to use in interstate commerce. Collectively, the above discussed factors demonstrate that the Study

Reaches are navigable-in-fact, and thus a TNW, susceptible to use in interstate commerce associated with recreational navigation activities. Therefore, I hereby determine that the Study Reaches are subject to the jurisdiction of Section 404 of the CWA, pursuant to 33 C.F.R. § 328.3(a)(1).

This determination does not 1) consider any other potentially applicable bases for determining CWA jurisdiction within the Study Reaches or 2) foreclose analysis of other areas of the Santa Cruz River outside the Study Reaches for purposes of determining CWA jurisdiction.

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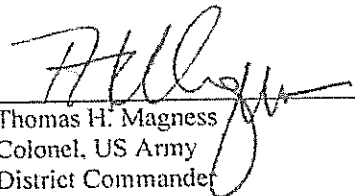
  
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## **Study Reaches A and B**

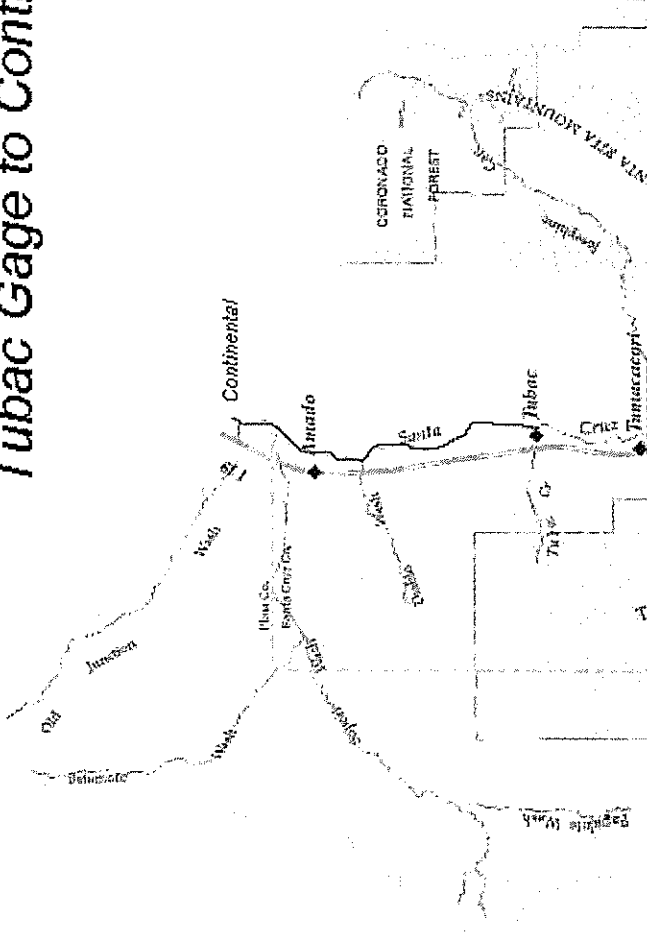
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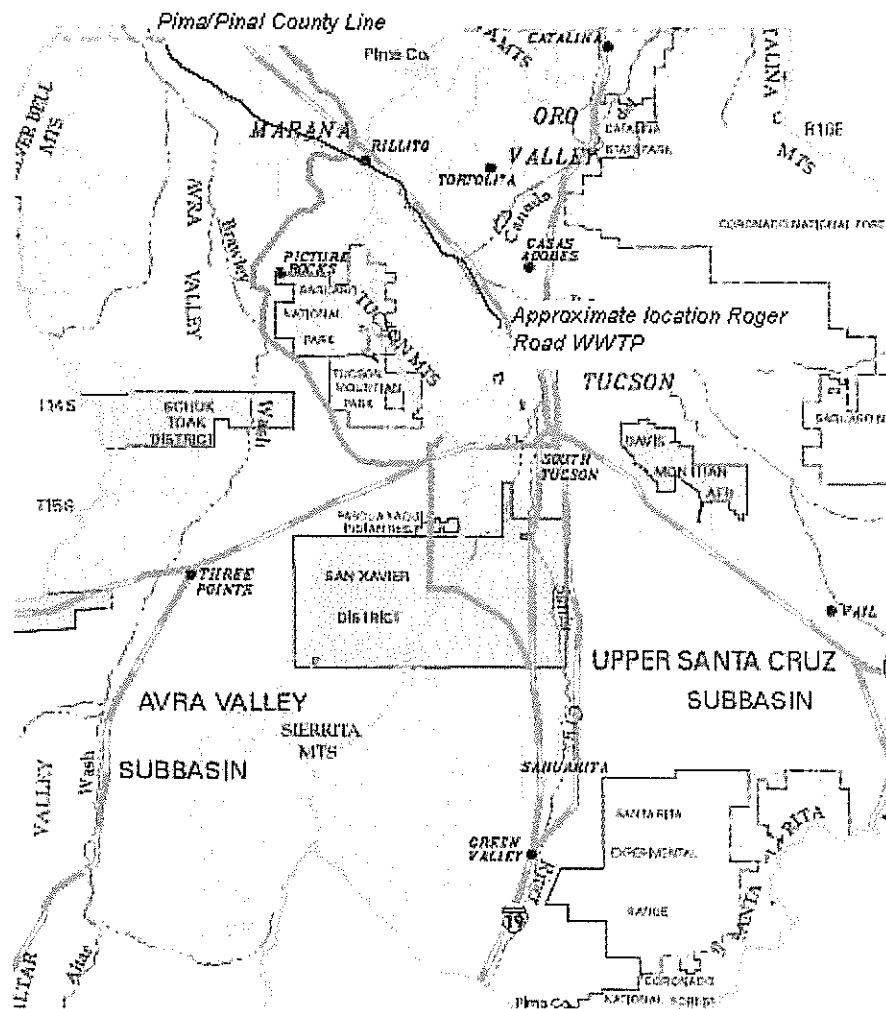
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**Study Reach A: Tubac Gage Station downstream to  
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**Study Reach B: Roger Road WWTP downstream to  
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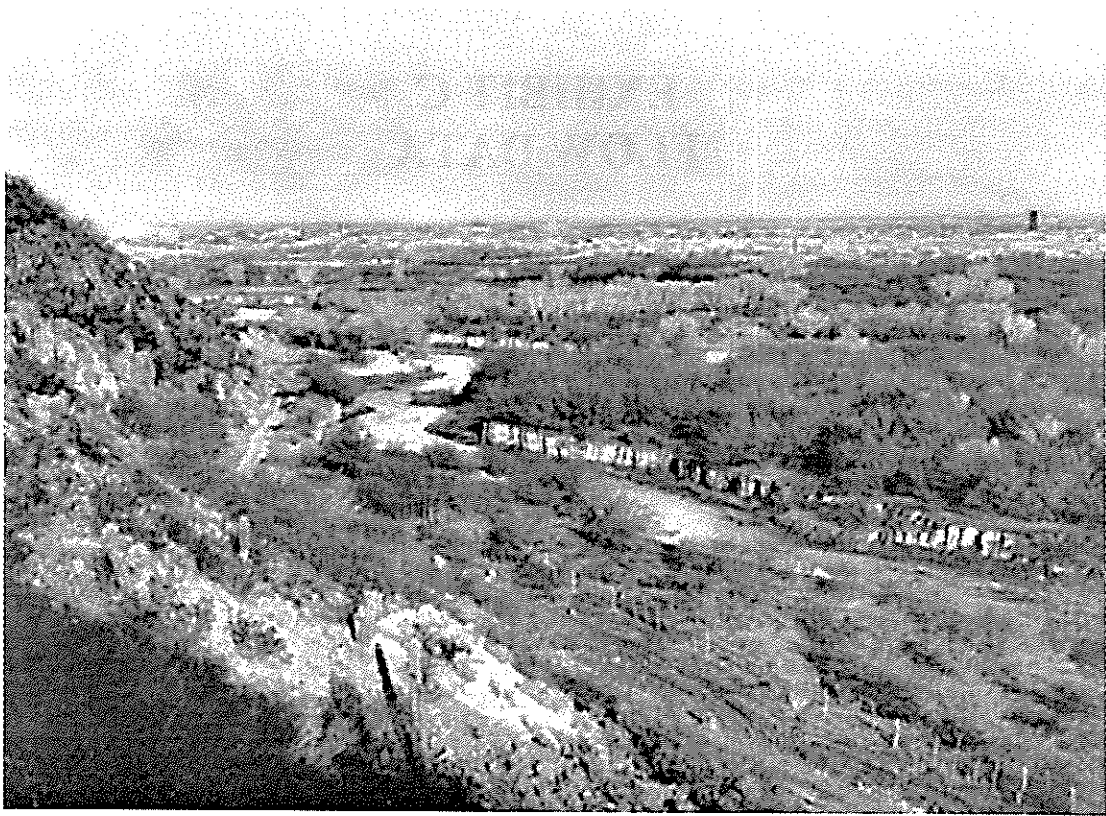
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***Santa Cruz River -- Study Reach B  
Roger Road WWTP to Pima/Pinal  
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**EXHIBIT B**  
**HISTORICAL PHOTO**



Santa Cruz River in 1904

# **EXHIBIT C**

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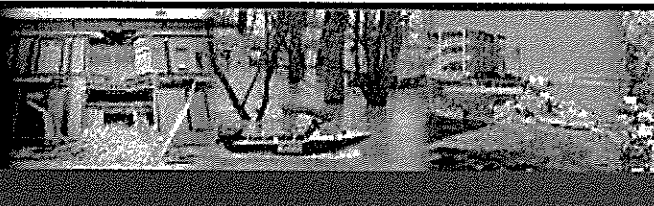
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1997	24.3	27.9	16.9	8.73	3.17	0.947	2.24	32.8	30.5	15.1	8.57	23.8
1998	28.3	67.7	45.4	46.3	20.7	12.6	62.8	46.7	27.1	18.0	19.1	21.3
1999	23.8	23.5	19.7	14.2	7.55	3.78	48.2	58.9	69.1	28.0	28.0	18.9
2000	23.6	25.0	24.8	20.1	10.0	22.4	23.4	29.0	19.2	798.4	277.9	91.1
2001	77.5	51.6	42.6	68.7	29.2	6.55	17.5	32.6	13.3	18.3	17.6	

<b>2002</b>	25.9	27.6	22.9	15.4	3.15			39.3	14.3	2.89	14.6	16.1
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<b>2005</b>	14.7	14.3	14.6	11.4	8.55	8.36	102.8	211.5	3.62	5.50	10.8	12.5
<b>2006</b>	11.8	11.0	12.1	8.19	5.33	3.26	124.1	35.2	52.8	9.55	14.4	16.7
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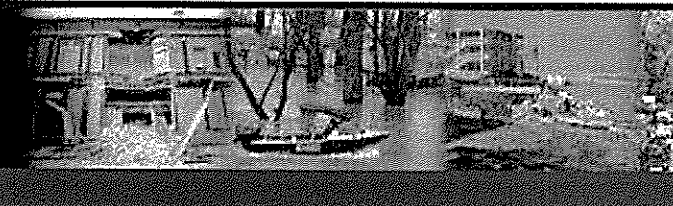
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YEAR	Monthly mean in cfs (Calculation Period: 2003-10-01 -> 2007-09-30)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>2003</b>										0.000	0.078	2.64
<b>2004</b>	5.25	7.97	6.64	4.21	0.532	0.000	16.2	19.1	8.77	3.87	6.58	13.1
<b>2005</b>	19.2	17.5	12.0	4.42	4.73	3.90	32.0	112.0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>2006</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.071	0.001	0.024	70.6	46.4	31.7	0.000	0.028	1.74
<b>2007</b>	4.37	8.39	8.75	7.54	1.31	0.098	96.4	89.9	16.0			
<b>Mean of monthly Discharge</b>	7.2	8.5	6.8	4.1	1.6	1.0	54	67	14	0.97	1.7	4.4

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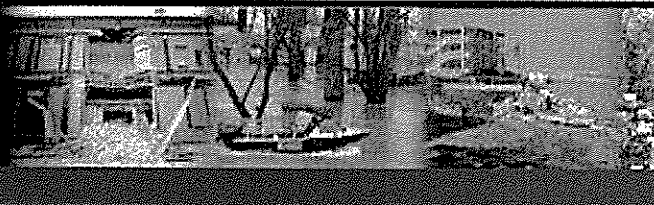
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### 00060, Discharge, cubic feet per second,

YEAR	Monthly mean in cfs (Calculation Period: 1940-05-01 -> 2007-09-30)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1940					0.000	3.43	9.84	164.0	29.3	0.003	0.000	0.452
1941	2.67	0.393	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	16.0	11.0	2.17	0.065	0.000	0.000
1942	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	18.6	29.8	9.73	0.000	0.000	0.000
1943	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	4.17	31.0	126.1	3.93	0.000	0.000	0.000
1944	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.129	62.4	3.87	8.13	0.067	0.000
1945	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	67.8	179.5	15.3	14.0	0.000	0.000
1946	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	79.0	70.4	39.8			

<b>1951</b>											7.32	0.000	0.000
<b>1952</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	9.02	26.7	10.4	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1953</b>	0.010	0.018	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	112.7	0.697	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1954</b>	0.000	0.000	7.20	0.000	0.000	2.43	226.6	341.6	37.7	0.129	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1955</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	47.4	753.0	0.017	0.023	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1956</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	16.4	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1957</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	4.66	15.2	0.000	0.023	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1958</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	48.0	164.0	20.1	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1959</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.93	10.1	78.5	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.34
<b>1960</b>	190.7	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	6.87	22.9	10.4	19.5	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1961</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	15.6	53.6	23.5	0.000	0.000	0.000	42.8
<b>1962</b>	52.4	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.810	0.616	4.84	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1963</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	71.4	122.4	29.9	0.000	4.37	0.000	0.000
<b>1964</b>	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.003	0.000	0.000	17.0	188.3	284.9	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1965</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.203	0.639	2.30	0.000	0.000	0.000	421.5
<b>1966</b>	18.2	206.5	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	43.5	362.7	14.9	1.00	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1967</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.450	44.3	6.47	4.70	0.874	0.000	0.000	658.1
<b>1968</b>	0.732	2.61	18.0	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.22	0.645	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1969</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	6.87	36.4	4.95	0.174	0.000	0.000	0.100
<b>1970</b>	0.042	0.304	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	10.0	22.5	27.8	0.126	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1971</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	8.76	175.6	21.7	2.27	0.000	0.000	0.010
<b>1972</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.040	24.5	3.03	1.99	5.74	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1973</b>	0.000	56.7	123.8	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.642	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1974</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	26.9	34.2	12.7	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1975</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	42.7	8.32	30.6	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1976</b>	0.806	0.000	0.000	0.123	0.000	0.037	166.7	5.45	9.02	0.448	0.000	0.000	0.039
<b>1977</b>	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	21.5	39.0	42.8	755.2	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1978</b>	6.23	70.9	131.7	0.000	0.000	6.18	27.4	77.6	0.030	21.3	133.1	529.4	0.000
<b>1979</b>	565.2	55.5	14.4	0.000	0.000	0.000	20.7	37.1	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1980</b>	0.000	0.655	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	11.1	28.9	1.01	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1981</b>	0.000	0.000	1.73	0.000	0.000	0.027	52.9	20.8	26.8	4.49	0.009	0.000	0.000
<b>1982</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.045	0.000	2.80	19.8	11.2	0.000	0.160	14.9	0.000
<b>1983</b>	0.913	137.9	181.0	0.683	0.000	0.000	3.97	5.74	63.9	1,525	4.20	4.84	0.000
<b>1984</b>	27.6	1.00	0.002	0.028	0.013	0.000	96.6	668.2	107.7				
<b>1991</b>											5.32	0.000	0.000
<b>1992</b>	0.000	0.000	37.1	31.5	1.32	0.000	1.13	74.7	0.073	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.78

<b>1993</b>	1,386	52.4	0.168	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.02	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1994</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	4.94	6.83	0.000	5.00	77.0
<b>1995</b>	37.1	11.2	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.014	0.781	0.153	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1996</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.52	1.55	13.8	0.710	0.000	0.000
<b>1997</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.189	6.02	3.00	2.27	0.000	2.47
<b>1998</b>	0.000	18.8	1.88	3.13	0.000	0.000	20.3	3.49	7.48	0.094	0.000	0.000
<b>1999</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	17.0	17.3	10.7	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>2000</b>	0.000	0.013	0.903	0.000	0.000	5.27	3.66	16.8	0.000	266.8	129.2	0.000
<b>2001</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.840	0.000	0.020	1.36	0.174	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>2002</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.427	2.14	3.81	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>2003</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	16.8	5.78	0.119	0.000	0.003	0.000
<b>2004</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.000	0.000	7.89	8.46	1.67	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>2005</b>	0.115	1.40	3.22	0.903	0.153	0.000	14.0	100.8	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>2006</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	39.0	24.3	27.5	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>2007</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	49.8	38.0	4.47			
<b>Mean of monthly Discharge</b>	42	11	9.5	0.68	0.03	0.43	29	76	18	48	5.0	32

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Santa Cruz County, Arizona  
Hydrologic Unit Code 15050301  
Latitude 31°36'46", Longitude 111°02'27" NAD27  
Gage datum 3,180 feet above sea level NGVD29

00060, Discharge, cubic feet per second,													
Day of month	Mean of daily mean values for each day for 11 - 12 years of record in, cfs (Calculation Period 1995-10-01 -> 2007-09-30)												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
1	35	25	26	26	13	5.5	5.7	136	60	13	40	28	
2	22	25	24	27	13	5.1	16	171	16	28	37	27	
3	23	24	23	54	13	5.3	20	113	15	11	27	27	
4	25	37	23	21	12	5.3	23	37	13	11	42	26	
5	24	28	24	19	12	5.2	21	24	20	11	106	27	
6	26	23	23	40	11	5.2	25	45	52	12	60	28	
7	28	23	31	50	11	5.0	29	41	37	13	123	28	

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9	24	23	23	22	10	4.5	8.7	35	33	26	47	24
10	24	24	23	19	10	4.7	7.7	46	25	15	31	24
11	24	24	23	19	9.7	4.8	7.0	21	32	28	47	24
12	25	27	24	18	9.6	4.8	7.6	40	38	167	60	23
13	27	25	22	18	9.3	4.9	6.6	50	34	52	43	23
14	26	24	21	18	9.0	4.7	11	211	33	11	32	23
15	25	25	23	18	8.5	4.7	15	129	18	9.8	26	23
16	25	26	21	17	8.4	4.7	18	35	24	10	24	25
17	26	25	21	17	9.0	4.6	10	26	34	9.9	23	25
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19	26	35	21	17	8.5	12	42	58	20	11	22	24
20	25	28	23	17	7.9	5.2	44	23	35	125	23	25
21	27	40	20	16	7.8	7.0	31	15	15	73	22	24
22	26	38	20	16	7.6	7.7	117	21	14	245	22	32
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26	24	29	20	15	6.8	4.8	57	31	14	65	24	25
27	27	26	19	15	6.6	4.9	77	50	13	60	27	25
28	29	27	18	14	6.4	4.9	112	50	15	144	28	26
29	26	24	18	14	12	8.6	172	75	13	140	30	25
30	26		22	14	6.1	15	70	77	11	112	29	24
31	25		28		5.5		227	19		110		24

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1	6.4	6.6	8.5	4.6	3.0	1.1	0.97	151	1.8	1.2	1.4	4.0
2	4.7	6.6	8.9	5.9	3.0	0.99	1.1	492	1.8	1.3	1.6	3.6
3	6.0	6.9	9.3	15	2.6	0.56	0.95	135	2.6	1.1	1.4	2.4
4	9.8	6.9	9.7	5.8	2.7	0.94	5.2	47	3.9	0.85	1.2	2.5
5	11	7.4	9.0	5.2	2.2	1.0	2.4	21	13	0.80	1.2	4.4
6	6.9	7.8	9.3	4.2	2.1	0.93	1.3	35	48	0.90	1.3	6.4
7	6.5	7.9	9.8	3.6	2.3	0.96	0.79	25	53	0.97	1.2	7.9


8	6.9	8.4	8.1	3.2	2.3	0.93	1.5	104	47	0.95	1.2	3.8
9	6.4	8.4	7.6	3.2	2.1	0.82	4.3	159	17	0.85	1.3	3.3
10	6.5	9.2	7.5	3.3	2.0	0.83	5.3	13	17	0.70	1.2	3.1
11	6.9	9.3	7.1	3.4	1.9	0.88	0.71	16	3.6	0.60	1.1	3.1
12	7.3	14	6.8	3.3	1.9	0.93	0.70	31	3.5	0.65	1.2	3.1
13	7.4	13	7.2	3.4	1.9	0.81	0.88	64	64	0.65	1.2	2.7
14	6.8	8.0	7.6	3.5	1.5	0.97	0.99	117	5.9	0.75	1.3	2.8
15	6.6	8.1	7.2	3.1	1.4	0.85	11	95	2.6	0.72	1.2	2.8
16	6.9	8.1	6.7	2.7	1.2	0.80	38	34	34	0.75	1.4	3.1
17	6.6	8.3	6.6	2.9	1.2	0.75	2.3	12	68	0.72	1.6	3.6
18	6.4	8.4	6.6	2.8	1.2	0.90	1.0	1.7	24	0.78	1.8	3.8
19	7.3	8.1	6.3	2.9	1.2	0.90	175	3.9	0.28	0.90	1.9	3.9
20	8.1	9.3	6.7	3.3	0.95	0.80	77	5.9	0.60	1.0	2.0	4.1
21	7.9	8.7	6.1	3.6	1.1	0.95	19	1.3	1.5	1.0	1.8	4.5
22	13	9.3	6.2	3.3	0.80	0.95	16	5.2	0.80	1.2	1.6	4.9
23	7.4	8.4	6.0	3.5	0.60	0.90	22	356	0.90	1.1	1.9	5.4
24	6.3	8.6	5.7	3.8	0.70	1.7	50	24	1.1	1.1	2.0	5.5
25	6.5	8.2	5.1	4.7	0.80	2.2	272	70	1.0	0.95	2.3	5.7
26	6.2	7.8	4.8	4.0	0.90	1.5	48	31	1.0	1.1	2.5	4.8
27	8.6	7.8	4.3	3.6	1.0	1.3	69	5.5	1.1	1.1	2.4	5.3
28	6.7	8.0	4.2	3.4	1.3	1.1	131	3.1	1.2	1.2	2.2	5.7
29	6.4	7.1	4.3	3.4	2.1	1.0	350	9.2	1.4	1.3	2.1	6.4
30	6.2		4.7	3.2	1.8	0.95	117	3.0	2.9	1.4	3.7	7.4
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Hydrologic Unit Code 15050301

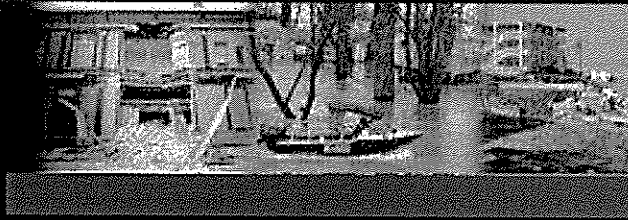
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Drainage area 1,682.00 square miles

Gage datum 2,819.82 feet above sea level NGVD29

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Mean of daily mean values for each day for 55 - 56 years of record in, cfs (Calculation Period 1939-10-01 -> 2007-09-30)												
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2	13	2.1	20	1.1	0.01	0.02	2.6	81	38	326	0.23	0.05
3	4.4	2.0	14	5.6	0.01	0.00	2.1	52	20	136	0.07	0.24
4	2.4	44	51	4.5	0.01	0.00	6.1	57	22	71	0.07	0.09
5	2.4	21	38	3.3	0.03	0.00	5.1	140	23	58	2.8	0.29
6	11	16	13	2.6	0.01	0.00	6.1	67	12	54	4.3	22
7	15	9.0	9.6	1.2	0.01	0.00	6.3	103	7.6	44	21	15

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Hydrologic Unit Code 15050301  
Latitude 31°44'41", Longitude 111°02'11" NAD83  
Gage datum 3,040 feet above sea level NAVD88

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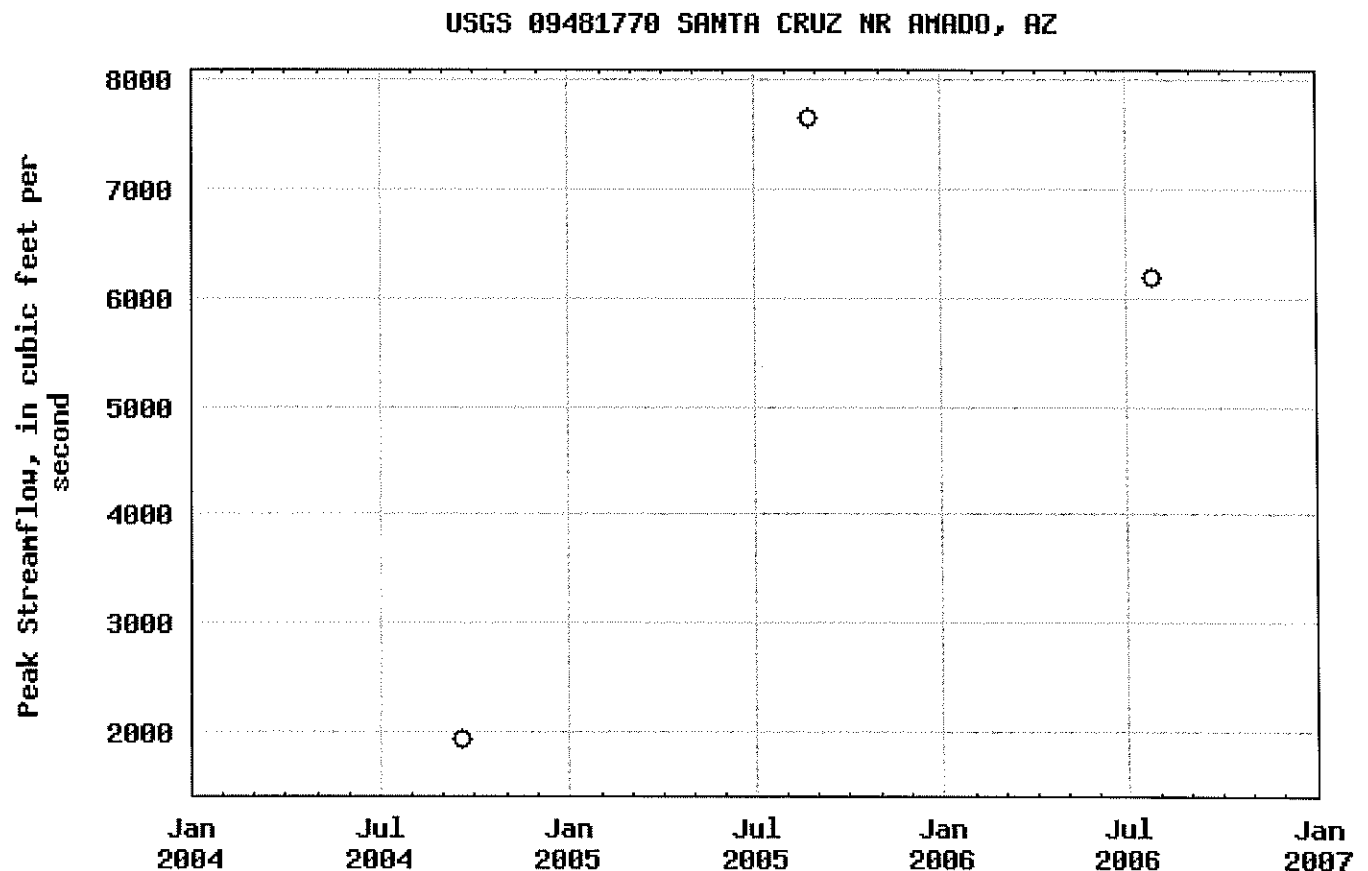
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10	28	18	4.1	0.04	0.00	0.00	5.1	78	131	95	4.5	7.1
11	90	16	8.4	0.04	0.00	0.00	13	85	34	14	4.3	15
12	88	20	0.71	0.04	0.00	0.00	20	42	41	15	5.4	1.7
13	37	15	7.7	0.04	0.00	0.00	18	129	20	11	6.1	0.23
14	31	11	33	0.03	0.01	0.00	19	199	9.6	1.9	2.5	0.04
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16	16	12	10	0.02	0.00	0.00	41	84	6.3	0.91	0.87	34
17	15	6.4	5.8	0.01	0.00	0.00	20	62	2.6	0.79	0.42	43
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25	102	0.52	0.89	0.01	0.00	0.49	43	42	6.4	10	55	11
26	63	0.23	0.30	0.01	0.00	1.3	16	54	18	5.9	8.1	3.7
27	34	0.09	0.28	0.01	0.00	0.00	55	43	2.8	3.8	1.0	3.0
28	11	0.07	2.0	0.01	0.00	3.2	70	48	0.96	7.8	0.05	2.6
29	4.7	0.00	8.4	0.01	0.00	2.5	74	36	3.6	10	0.06	1.3
30	3.8		4.3	0.01	0.00	1.7	64	10	27	7.4	0.14	1.6
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Pima County, Arizona  
Hydrologic Unit Code 15050301  
Latitude 31°52'17", Longitude 110°58'46" NAD27  
Drainage area 1,682.00 square miles  
Gage datum 2,819.82 feet above sea level NGVD29

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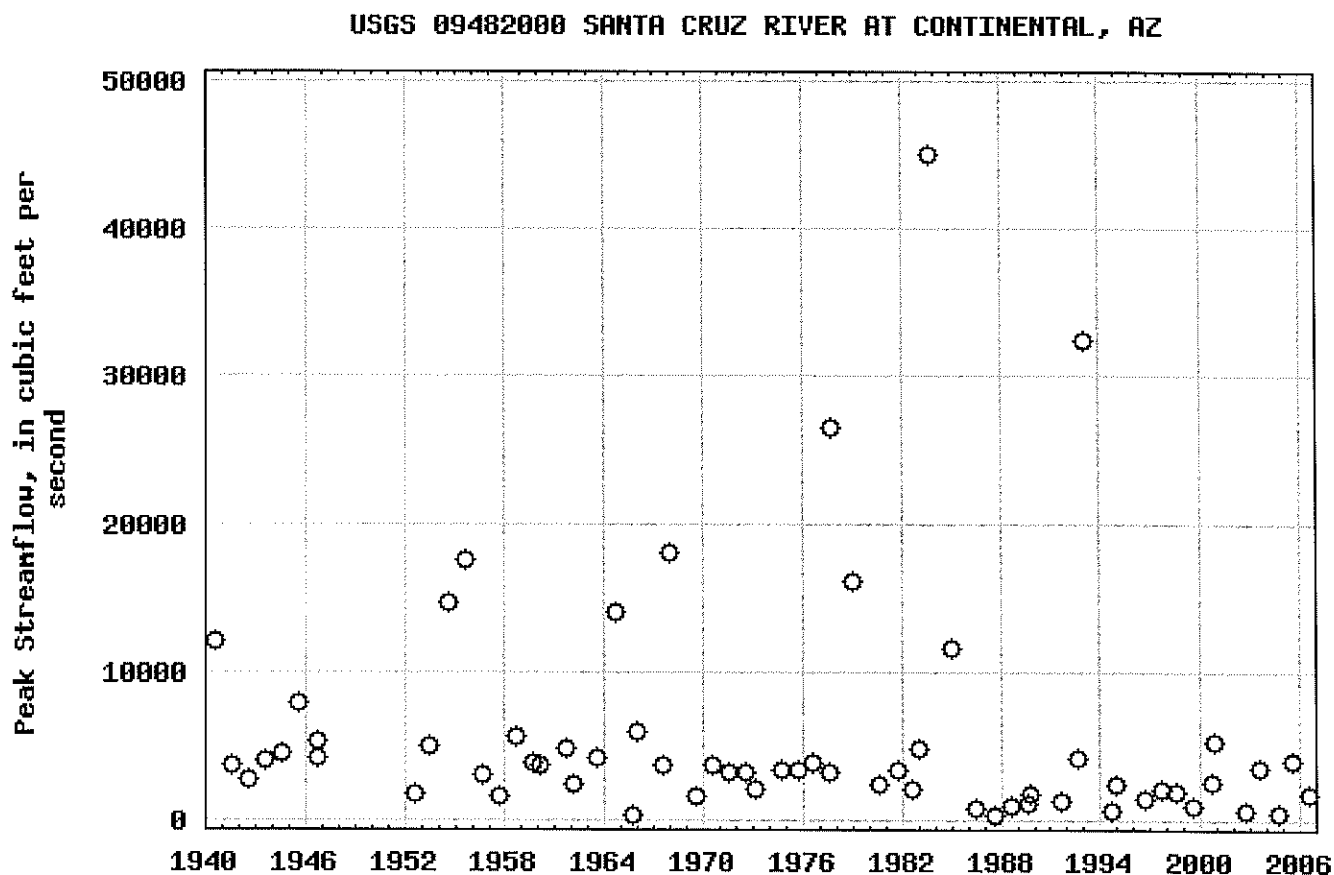
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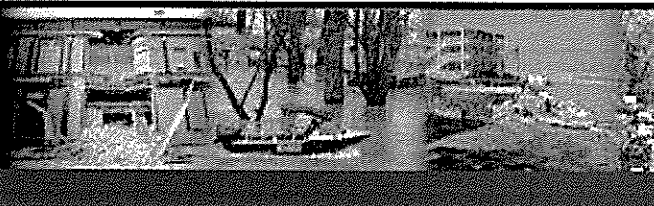
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Pima County, Arizona  
 Hydrologic Unit Code 15050302  
 Latitude 32°21'04", Longitude 111°05'38" NAD27  
 Drainage area 3,503.00 square miles  
 Gage datum 2,100.00 feet above sea level NGVD29

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### 00060, Discharge, cubic feet per second,

YEAR	Monthly mean in cfs (Calculation Period: 1939-10-01 -> 2007-09-30)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1939										0.000	0.767	0.032
1940	0.677	11.9	0.000	0.000	0.000	10.2	24.2	264.5	18.9	0.000	11.7	169.3
1941	37.6	40.0	43.2	0.000	0.226	0.000	9.74	55.5	36.1	0.097	0.033	4.45
1942	1.13	4.64	2.45	0.867	0.000	0.000	8.25	24.6	15.8	0.000	0.000	0.000
1943	0.000	0.000	6.71	0.000	0.032	1.77	26.1	165.1	89.0	0.023	0.063	0.000
1944	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	14.8	179.4	39.8	6.32	6.20	0.032
1945	0.000	0.000	0.194	0.000	0.000	0.000	97.6	279.8	2.43	7.48	0.000	0.000

<b>1946</b>	4.90	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	62.5	158.7	41.1	39.7	1.23	0.000
<b>1947</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000						
<b>1950</b>								31.0	7.27	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1951</b>	0.000	0.000	0.171	1.23	0.471	1.31	70.7	111.6	1.83	28.0	15.9	12.7
<b>1952</b>	26.7	0.000	26.7	5.10	0.000	0.030	17.6	72.4	18.8	0.000	8.85	0.000
<b>1953</b>	0.000	0.054	0.106	0.000	0.000	0.007	230.9	2.76	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1954</b>	0.000	0.000	101.6	0.000	0.000	28.8	393.3	273.7	72.1	3.91	0.000	0.000
<b>1955</b>	0.894	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.067	222.4	867.6	1.11	2.23	0.000	0.000
<b>1956</b>	1.77	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	23.4	3.14	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>1957</b>	27.1	0.575	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.043	5.39	30.5	15.3	8.15	3.23	0.032
<b>1958</b>	0.000	5.92	62.4	0.130	0.000	0.000	109.0	132.9	13.4	2.13	0.140	0.000
<b>1959</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	62.3	157.4	1.37	12.2	0.400	32.4
<b>1960</b>	245.2	0.162	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.69	72.3	6.33	24.1	0.000	1.65
<b>1961</b>	3.97	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	35.1	216.1	8.63	0.000	0.000	45.0
<b>1962</b>	45.7	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.833	2.17	1.97	115.3	0.161	0.000	0.174
<b>1963</b>	0.548	33.4	0.000	0.133	0.000	0.000	66.4	195.0	38.3	0.765	6.73	0.000
<b>1964</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.433	0.000	2.60	108.2	164.8	358.3	0.845	0.167	6.06
<b>1965</b>	4.13	4.83	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	16.2	2.25	3.10	0.000	0.000	850.1
<b>1966</b>	0.594	191.5	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	35.8	210.9	87.4	1.44	0.053	0.000
<b>1967</b>	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.000	2.06	0.000	124.4	5.45	1.43	14.3	0.000	688.2
<b>1968</b>	0.000	83.0	38.4	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.94	43.3	0.000	0.000	2.77	0.000
<b>1969</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.11	70.2	15.4	25.9	33.1	23.6
<b>1970</b>	6.82	6.45	8.28	7.30	5.11	31.9	116.1	39.0	135.2	16.9	13.1	31.2
<b>1971</b>	41.4	25.1	40.2	51.5	27.1	34.4	67.5	325.5	75.8	29.0	18.9	34.5
<b>1972</b>	27.2	25.8	20.2	13.6	21.3	28.3	72.9	62.4	31.2	236.0	12.9	9.83
<b>1973</b>	17.9	169.8	175.6	7.88	16.2	3.16	30.5	35.5	48.4	41.7	35.0	35.5
<b>1974</b>	41.2	40.2	41.8	40.3	48.0	44.4	181.9	84.7	76.5	53.0	61.1	56.9
<b>1975</b>	64.4	51.6	42.4	39.4	39.6	42.1	126.1	55.6	91.7	44.2	45.0	41.2
<b>1976</b>	38.8	40.1	35.5	45.2	45.1	42.8	152.2	70.2	130.7	42.4	39.7	33.2
<b>1977</b>	42.8	40.8	32.3	37.1	32.7	34.0	36.2	65.9	73.0	743.9	31.1	50.6
<b>1978</b>	114.2	114.4	496.3	20.0	18.5	15.8	34.9	117.7	16.3	34.0	168.2	1,044
<b>1979</b>	756.4	104.2	35.2	31.2	31.1	30.1	32.8	47.8	31.0	40.2	54.7	59.9
<b>1980</b>	64.1	137.9	26.4	19.4	11.9	17.3	45.7	87.4	71.9	38.7	38.4	51.3
<b>1981</b>	63.3	58.0	52.1	35.9	41.4	43.0	241.8	104.6	104.1	50.4	59.6	48.9
<b>1982</b>	70.0	65.1	56.4	52.5	42.7	39.2	91.3	248.6	237.4			
<b>1984</b>										32.4	67.4	

<b>1990</b>			59.5	56.9	54.0	52.7				47.0	42.2	60.1
<b>1991</b>	50.9	47.8	67.7	22.7	24.3	29.0	33.4	54.0	60.1	52.7	53.7	65.5
<b>1992</b>	66.3	103.3	108.8	60.4	35.1	38.6	58.9	131.7	60.3	65.8	70.2	82.7
<b>1993</b>	2,485	135.2	40.9	39.5	38.2	26.0	27.0	41.2	55.2	38.5	39.9	55.6
<b>1994</b>	51.7	68.0	61.9	43.0	53.2	61.4	61.5	47.1	75.1	56.6	79.3	195.4
<b>1995</b>	273.1	252.3	42.5	44.2	41.0	31.7	29.0	58.9	64.3	40.7	49.7	63.7
<b>1996</b>	68.8	67.8	57.0	50.1	50.2	43.3	40.7	67.0	216.2	55.7	57.6	81.5
<b>1997</b>	108.5	66.4	37.0	25.8	53.3	47.0	44.0	53.6	61.0	60.5	71.5	88.8
<b>1998</b>	73.3	251.6	75.9	104.0	48.4	51.6	109.1	57.2	59.3	61.6	66.2	67.5
<b>1999</b>	78.6	81.1	64.9	55.8	65.8	58.6	228.6	92.2	96.3	57.4	52.2	48.4
<b>2000</b>	47.8	49.2	50.0	48.4	50.6	84.9	66.3	102.6	73.3	523.0	227.8	47.8
<b>2001</b>	59.2	58.8	60.0	64.2	59.9	56.4	69.0	69.7	58.2	58.7	64.7	70.3
<b>2002</b>	74.5	69.6	72.8	65.0	63.9	63.6	79.4	99.9	143.9	64.1	73.3	78.0
<b>2003</b>	76.7	79.0	73.7	71.8	67.7	72.2	119.2	264.5	87.0	69.0	85.5	66.3
<b>2004</b>	82.6	79.9	95.3	81.6	71.3	64.5	89.4	104.5	114.2	67.7	73.4	87.9
<b>2005</b>	115.6	190.5	67.1	61.4	57.7	51.1	68.0	363.0	80.8	69.5	67.0	73.9
<b>2006</b>	74.8	68.7	67.5	65.0	56.3	55.8	725.0	211.8	114.1	57.9	56.8	64.9
<b>2007</b>	62.5	60.1	59.1	52.9	49.9	48.0	256.8	135.7	51.0			
<b>Mean of monthly Discharge</b>	98	52	43	25	23	24	91	124	63	52	34	81

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Pima County, Arizona  
 Hydrologic Unit Code 15050303  
 Latitude 32°28'17", Longitude 111°18'25" NAD27  
 Drainage area 3,641 square miles  
 Gage datum 1,910 feet above sea level NGVD29

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### 00060, Discharge, cubic feet per second,

YEAR	Monthly mean in cfs (Calculation Period: 1989-10-01 -> 2007-09-30)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1989										40.0	40.5	34.5
1990	37.1	46.2	35.9	27.3	17.0	10.8	317.7	39.3	21.1	5.78	14.3	36.6
1991	25.5	2.56	82.1	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.00	0.074	6.27	10.0	8.72
1992	9.60	43.9	42.1	3.13	2.48	4.35	2.37	29.7	2.50	13.1	16.5	39.8
1993	1,509	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	6.13	0.693	7.11	6.49	10.2
1994	33.8	21.4	29.0	14.2	9.66	12.0	6.35	3.11	6.72	8.79	11.3	156.7
1995	221.3	261.0	8.71	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	18.9	0.000	0.000	1.76	12.2

<b>1996</b>	18.3	17.8	17.0	14.2	9.36	4.48	7.96	30.3	206.7	0.000	4.78	18.8
<b>1997</b>	19.9	22.8	14.2	9.63	6.57	8.94	4.36	3.52	3.99	25.3	39.3	43.9
<b>1998</b>	52.0	294.3	6.24	41.1	3.93	6.17	39.7	34.7	28.7	23.4	36.7	29.9
<b>1999</b>	34.1	28.5	24.2	16.3	12.4	6.31	144.8	27.9	45.1	21.4	25.9	33.1
<b>2000</b>	36.5	35.2	29.2	24.2	18.3	22.8	18.5	49.1	26.3	336.6	73.0	3.83
<b>2001</b>	13.5	18.5	14.4	17.6	11.4	6.92	15.5	28.5	21.0	20.4	30.0	39.4
<b>2002</b>	42.9	41.9	39.2	25.5	19.4	15.5	23.5	31.6	66.0	21.0	34.7	41.4
<b>2003</b>	36.0	35.7	28.4	19.9	18.8	20.9	51.1	140.5	39.7	35.0	55.3	39.6
<b>2004</b>	56.2	49.8	56.4	50.8	32.5	27.1	54.5	68.7	66.1	40.6	53.8	61.1
<b>2005</b>	83.5	94.2	32.0	23.8	19.5	16.1	23.7	362.2	56.0	45.2	46.3	56.4
<b>2006</b>	53.2	44.6	43.1	37.3	26.5	27.3	704.1	147.2	68.2	31.5	33.1	42.0
<b>2007</b>	43.9	41.7	35.5	24.1	17.7	15.8	210.9	90.0	24.1			
<b>Mean of monthly Discharge</b>	129	61	30	19	13	11	90	62	38	38	30	39

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Pima County, Arizona

Hydrologic Unit Code 15050302

Latitude 32°21'04", Longitude 111°05'38" NAD27

Drainage area 3,503.00 square miles

Gage datum 2,100.00 feet above sea level NGVD29

00060, Discharge, cubic feet per second,												
Mean of daily mean values for each day for 57 - 60 years of record in, cfs (Calculation Period 1939-10-01 -> 2007-09-30)												
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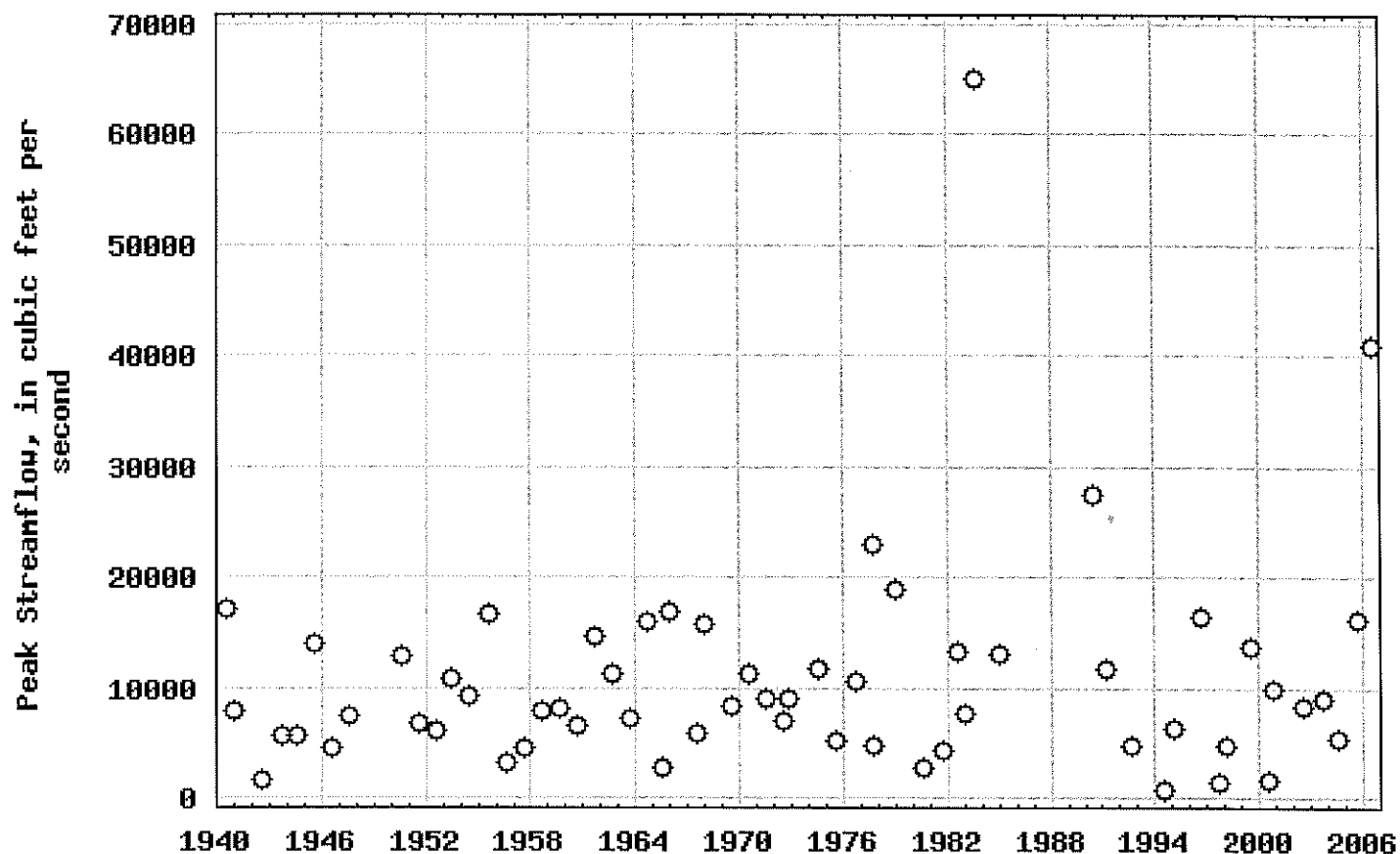
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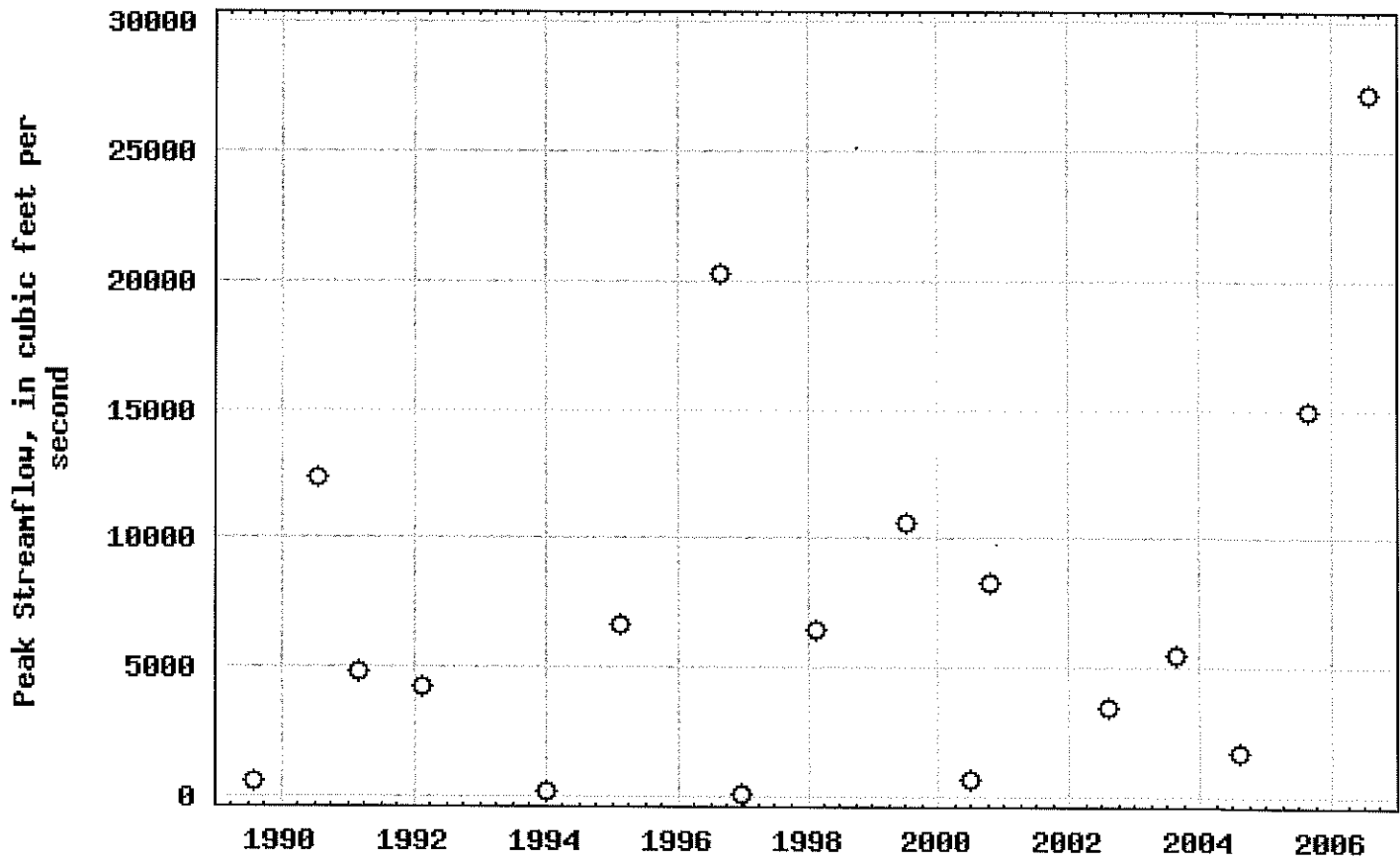


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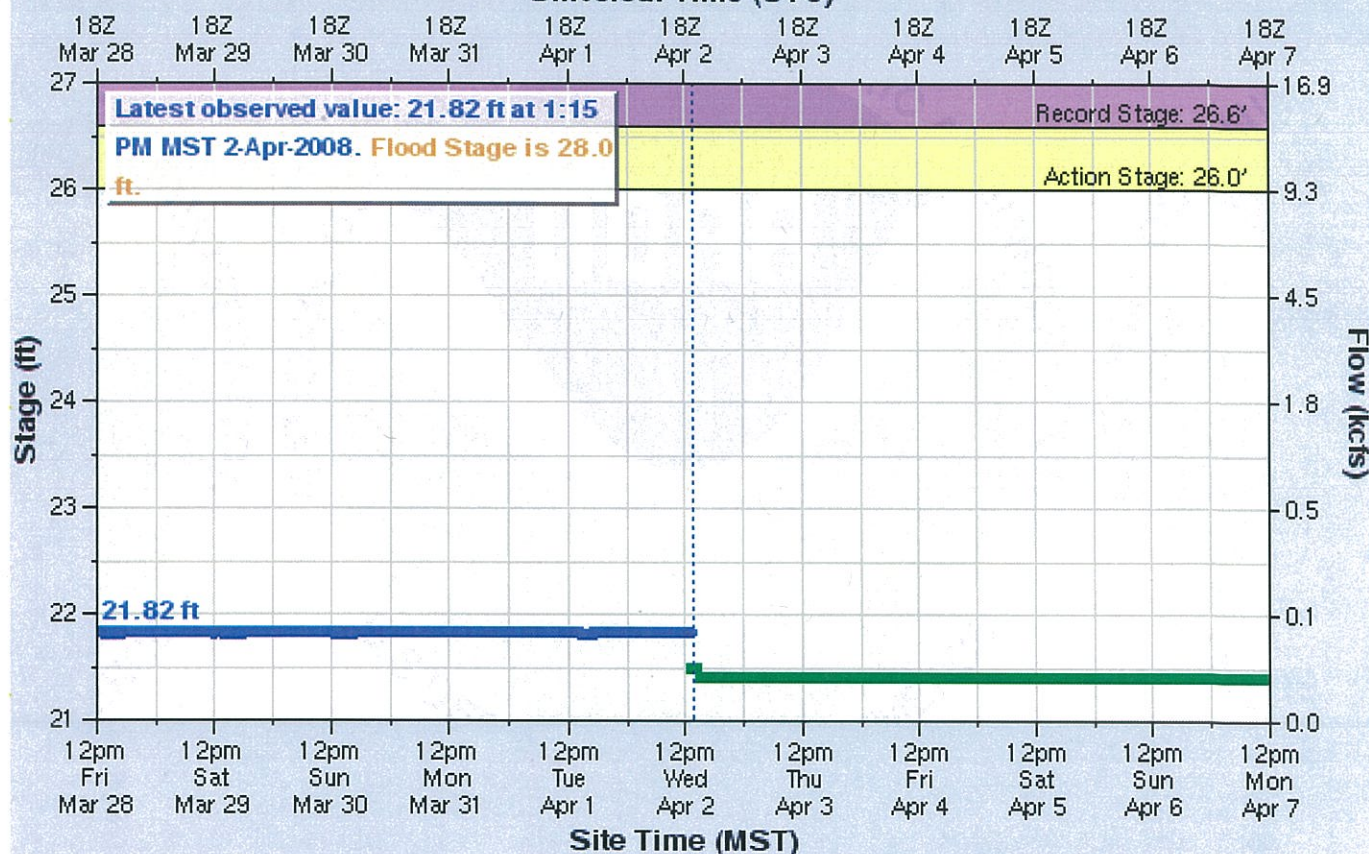
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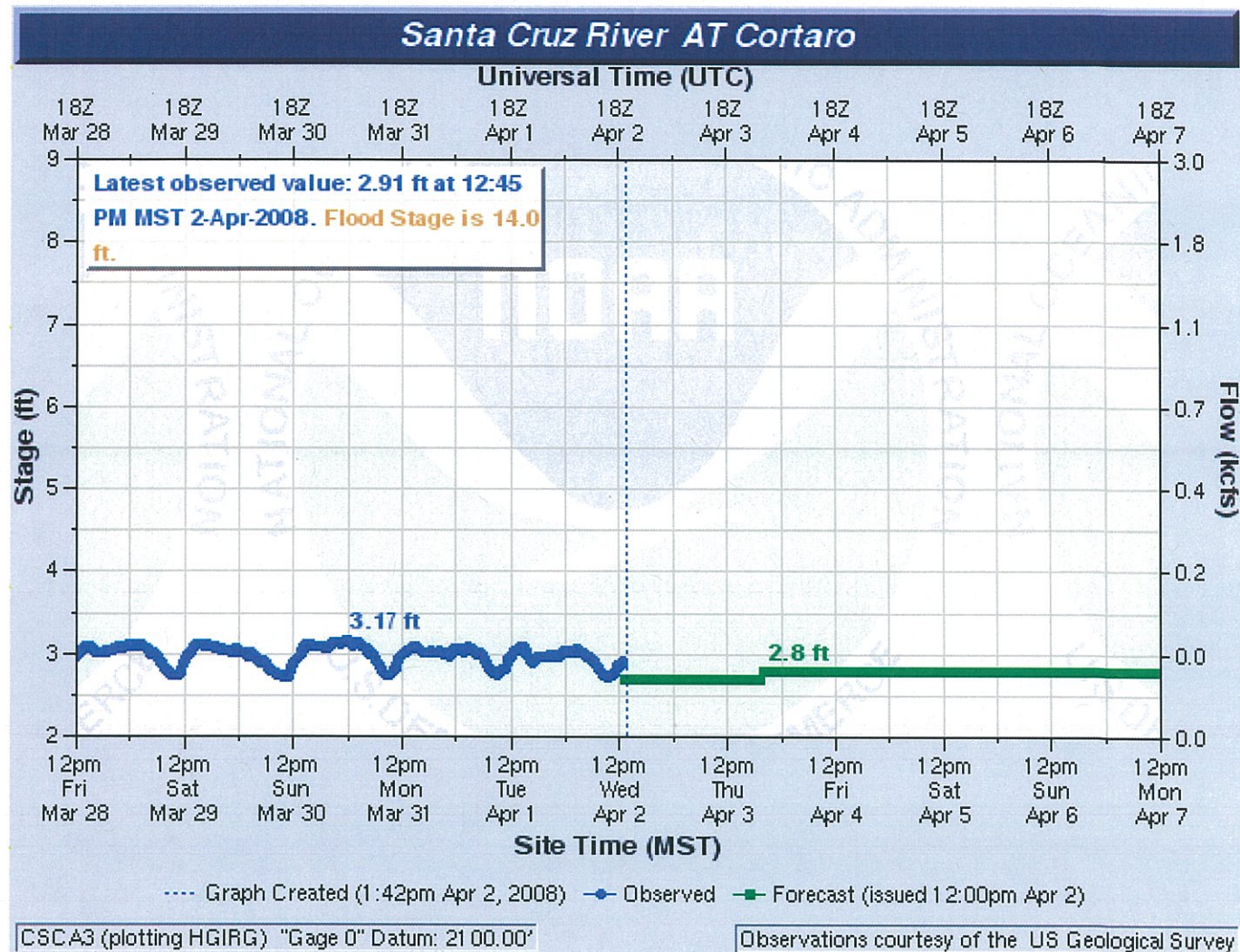
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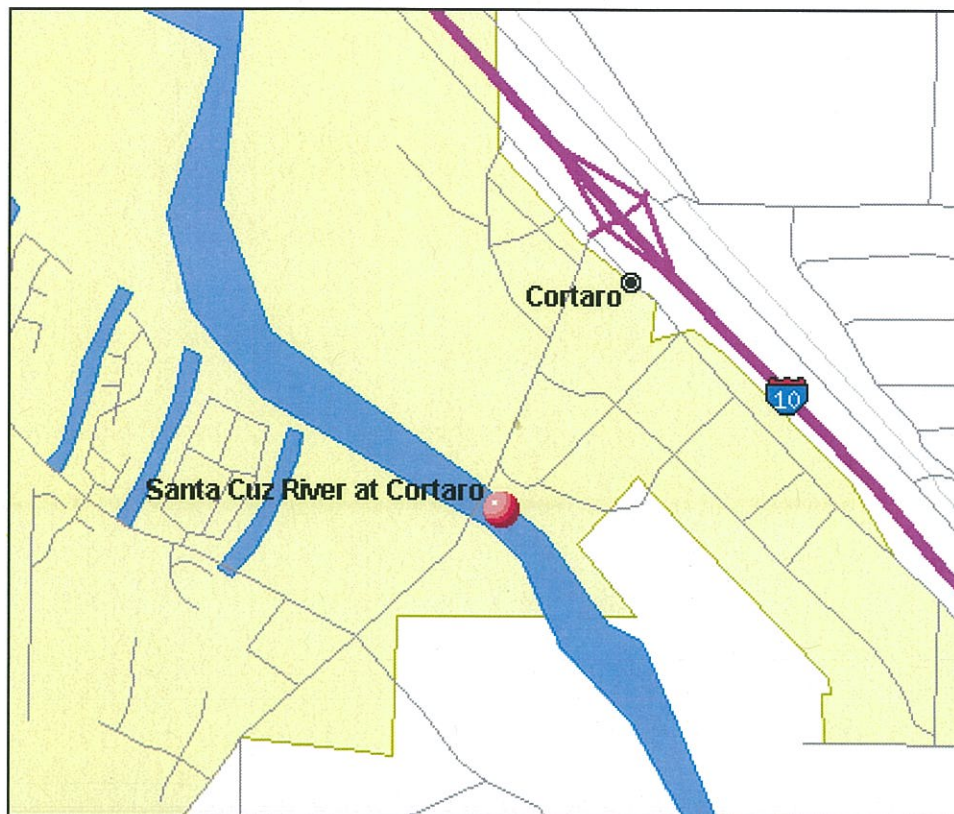




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Moderate Flood Stage:	15
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**Flood Stage:** 16Feet

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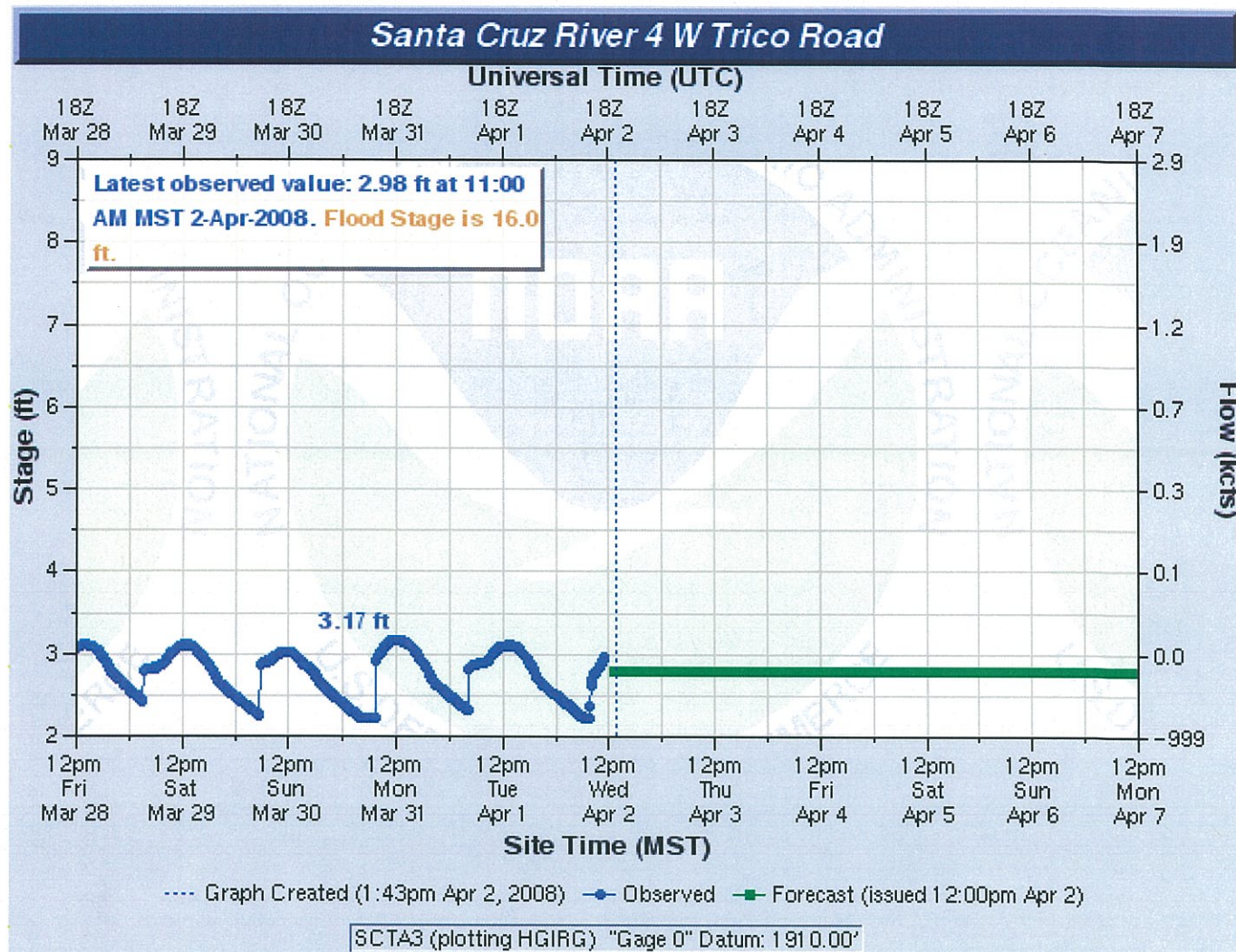
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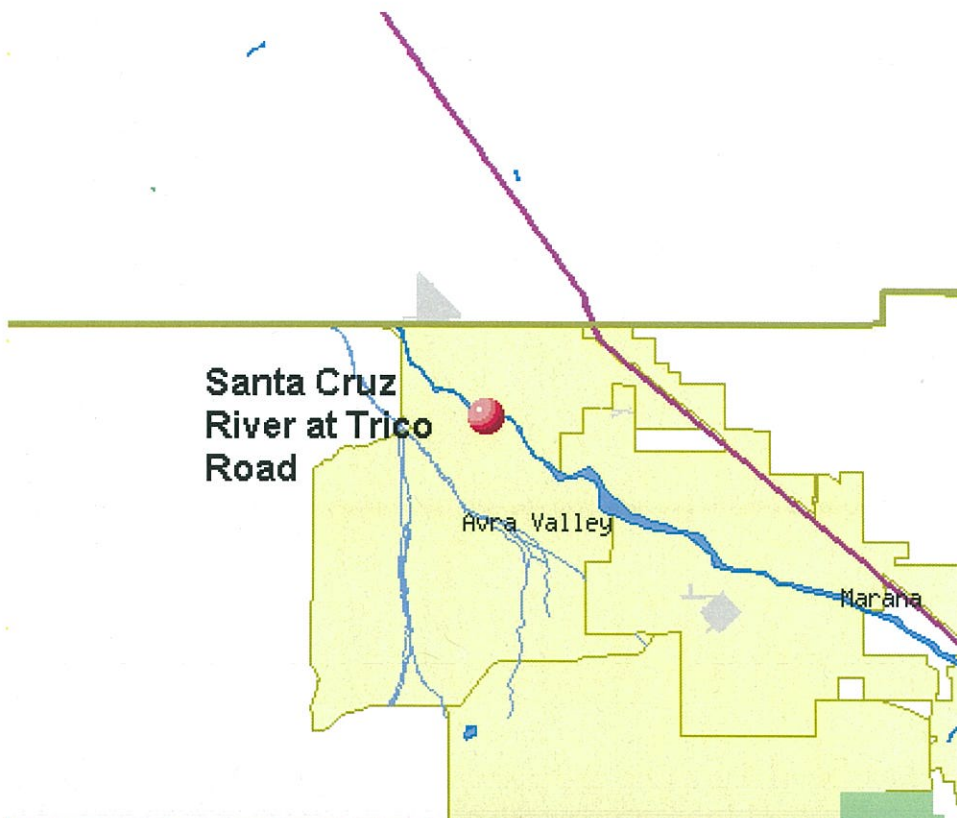
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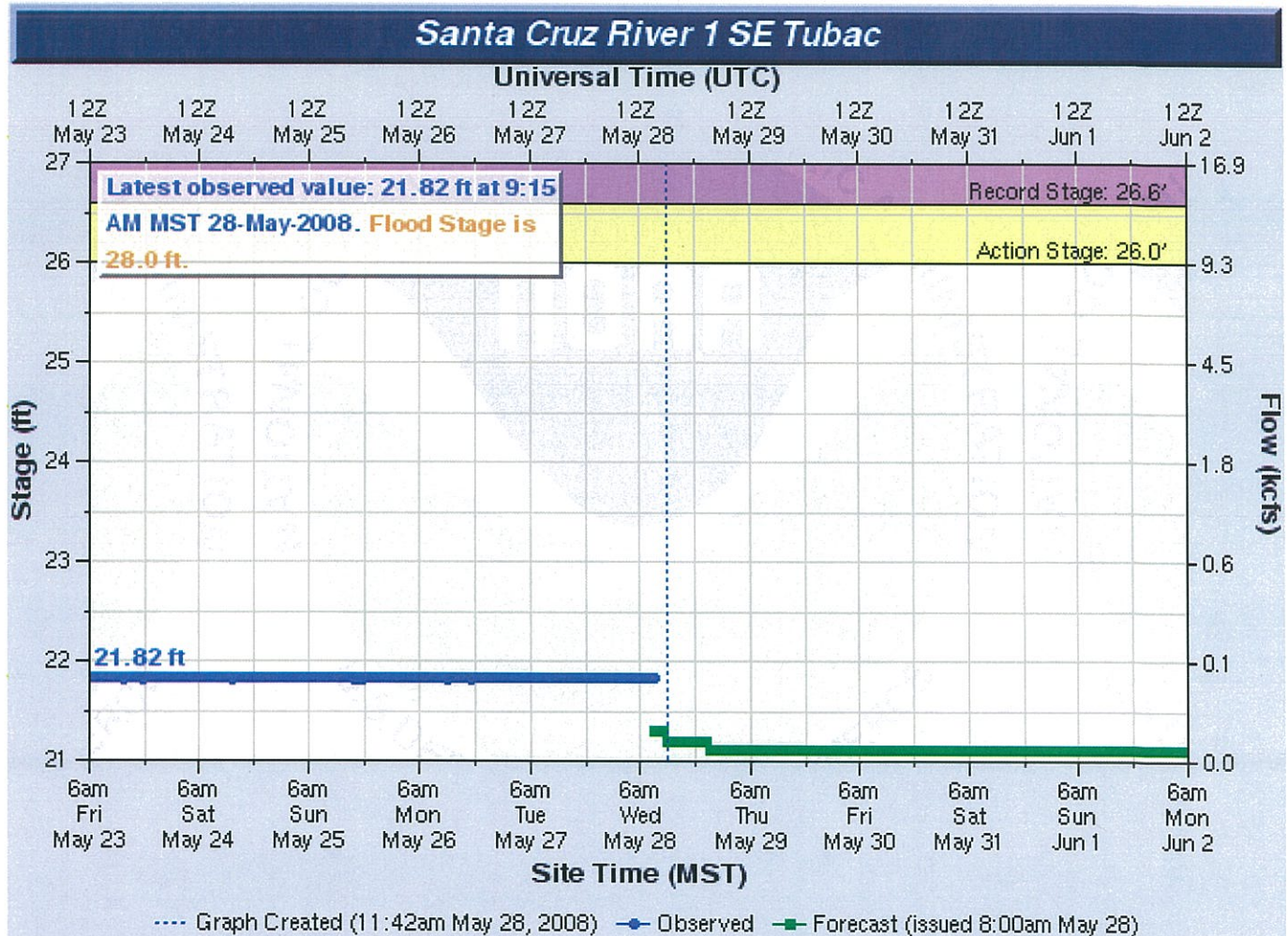
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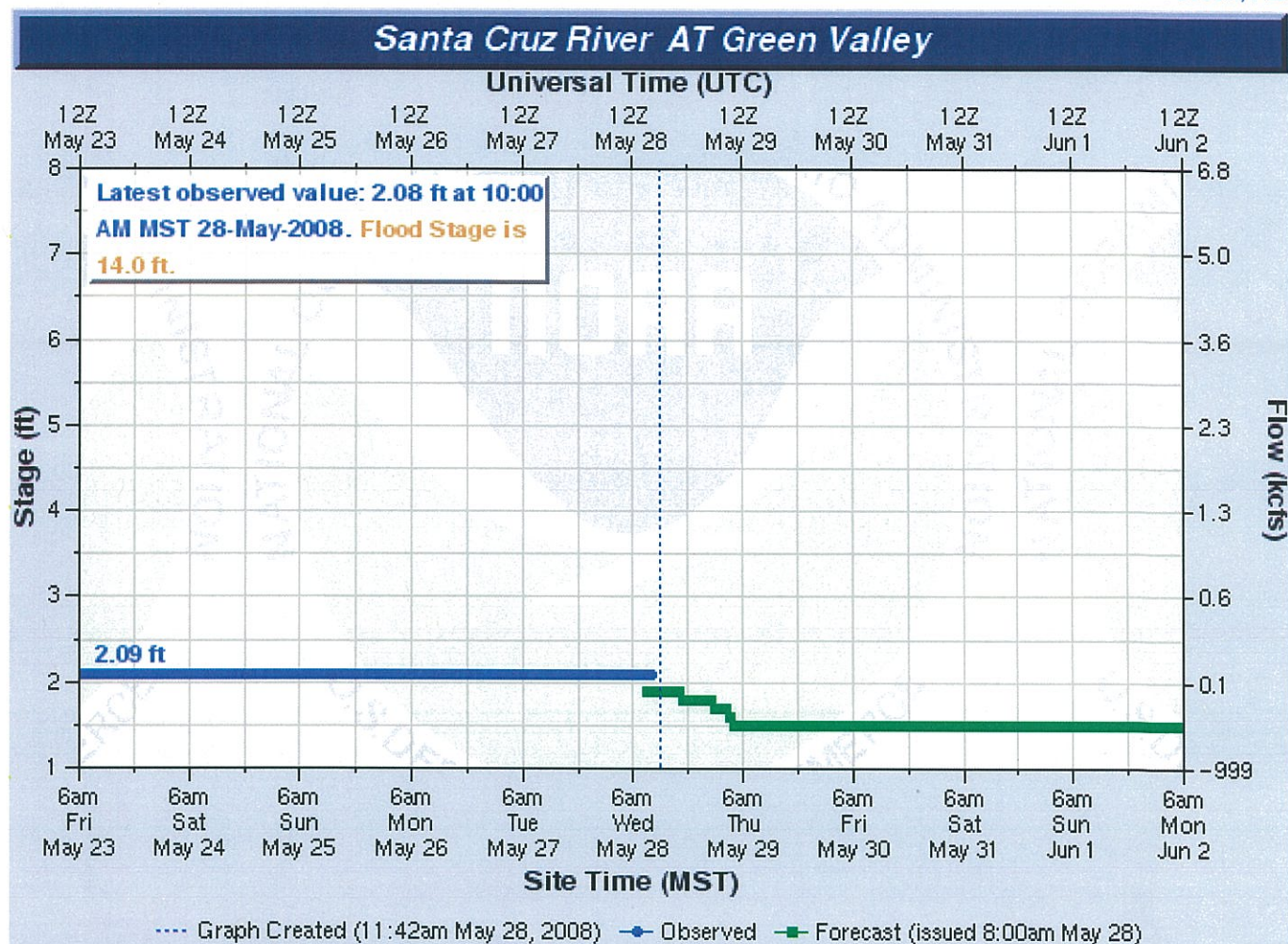
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**at Green Valley****Flood Stage:** 14Feet**Latest Stage:** 2.08 ft at 17:00 UTC  
05/28**Current Warnings/Statements/****Advisories:**

None currently.

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**Flood Categories (in feet)**

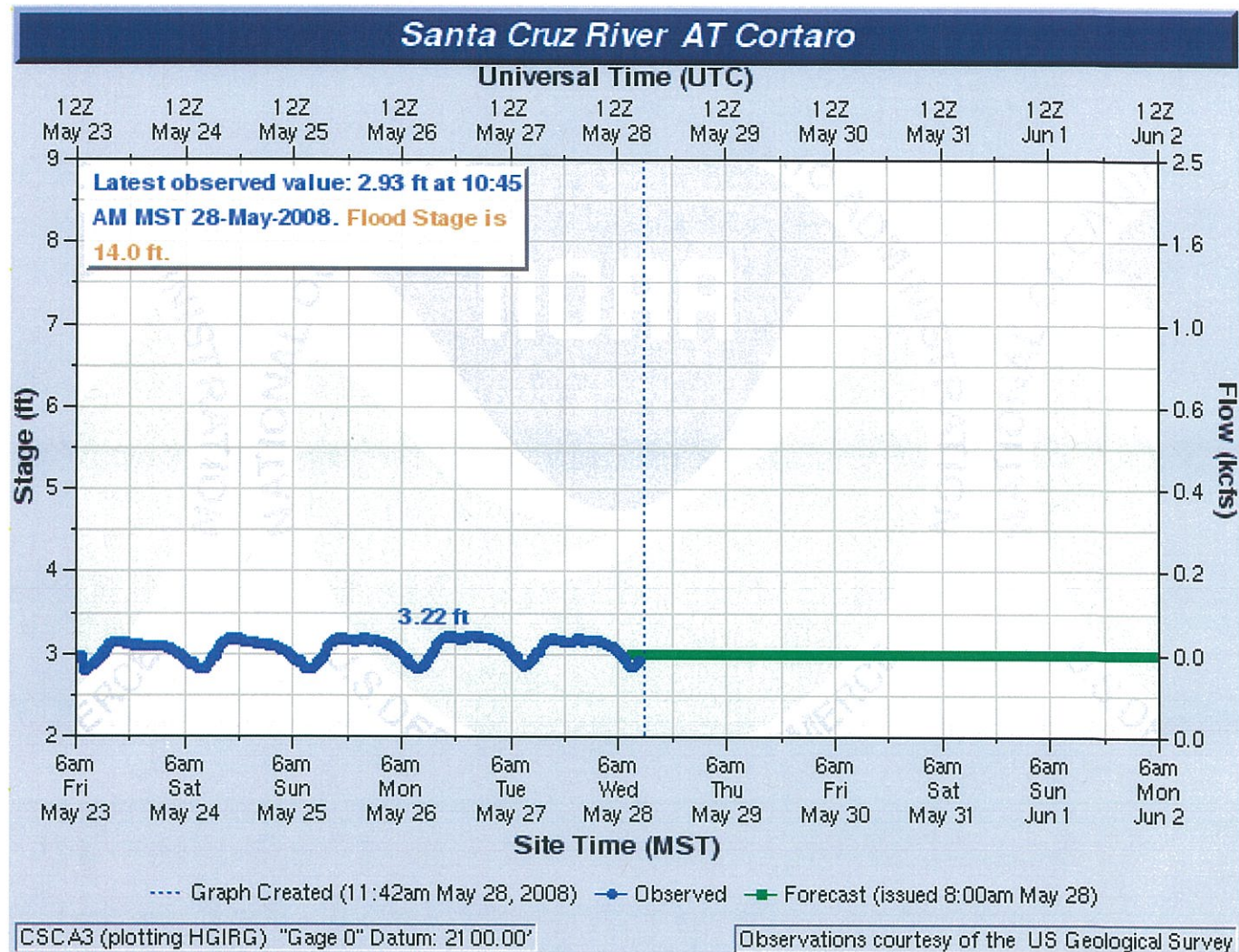
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Flood Stage:	14
Action Stage:	11

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**NOTE:** Flood stage level has recently changed.

**NOTE:** Graphical forecasts are not available for the Santa Cruz River at Cortaro. During times of high water, forecast crest information can be found in the [text products](#).

#### Flood Categories (in feet)

Major Flood Stage:	16
Moderate Flood Stage:	15
Flood Stage:	14
Action Stage:	13

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##### at Trico Road

Flood Stage: 16Feet

Latest Stage: 2.87 ft at 17:00 UTC  
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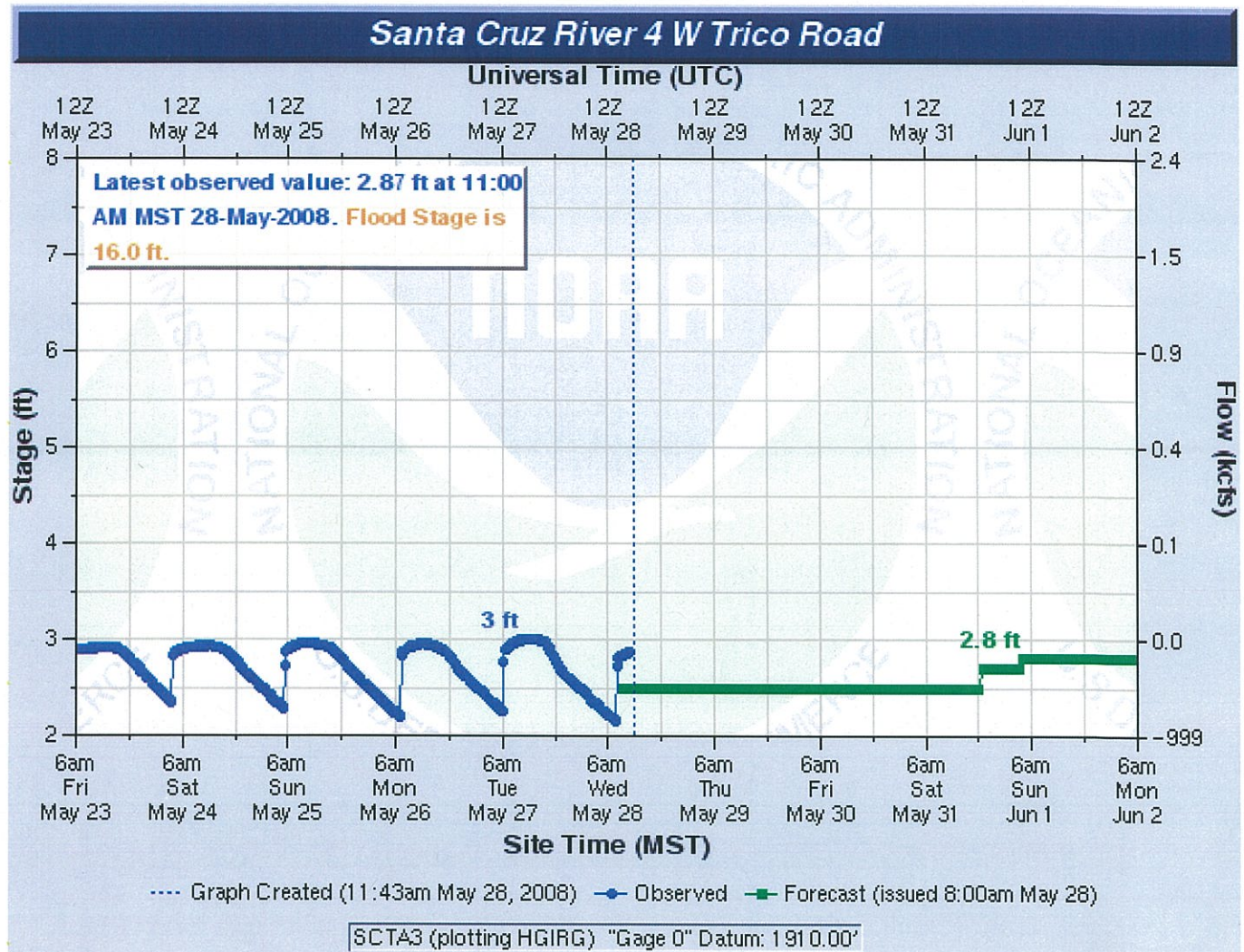
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**SIGNIFICANT FLOW EVENTS**



## SIGNIFICANT FLOW EVENTS, SANTA CRUZ RIVER

Date	Event
Feb 19-22, 1890	Overbank flooding of Santa Cruz River documented
Sep 18, 1925	Peak flow of 3,400 cfs, Tucson
Sep 28, 1926	Peak flow of 11,400 cfs, Tucson
Sep 24, 1929	Peak flow of 10,400 cfs, Tucson
Aug 18, 1931	Peak flow of 9,200 cfs
Aug 10, 1945	Peak flow of 14,000 cfs, Cortaro
Jul 14, 1953	Peak flow of 10,800 cfs, Cortaro
Aug 20, 1959	Peak flow of 8,000 cfs, Cortaro
Aug, 23, 1961	Peak flow of 16,600 cfs, Tucson
Dec 20, 1967	Peak flow of 16,100 cfs, Tucson
Oct 9, 1977	Peak flow of 26,500 cfs, Continental (Green Valley)
Dec 19, 1978	Peak flow of 13,500 Tucson
Aug 23, 1982	Peak flow of 13,300 cfs, Cortaro
Oct 2, 1983	Peak flow of 52,700 cfs, Tucson and 65,000 cfs, Cortaro
Jul 24, 1990	Peak flow of 21,000 cfs, Tucson
Aug 6, 1992	Peak flow of 5,970 cfs, Tucson
Jan 19, 1993	Peak flow of 37,400 cfs, Tucson

Flow data derived from <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/twc/hydro/floodhis.php>; no gaging data provided at this website for peak flows after 1994



# **EXHIBIT E**

## **AERIAL PHOTOS--SANTA CRUZ RIVER IN STUDY REACHES A AND B**

**First Photo: Tubac (Study Reach A)**

**Second Photo: Continental (Study Reach A)**

**Third Photo: Roger Road (Study Reach B)**

**Fourth Photo: Just downstream of Roger Road (Study Reach B)**

**Fifth Photo: Confluence w/Rillito River and Canada del Oro Wash (Study Reach B)**

**Sixth Photo: Cortaro Road (Study Reach B)**

**Seventh Photo: Pima/Pinal County Lines just downstream of Trico Road (Study Reach B)**





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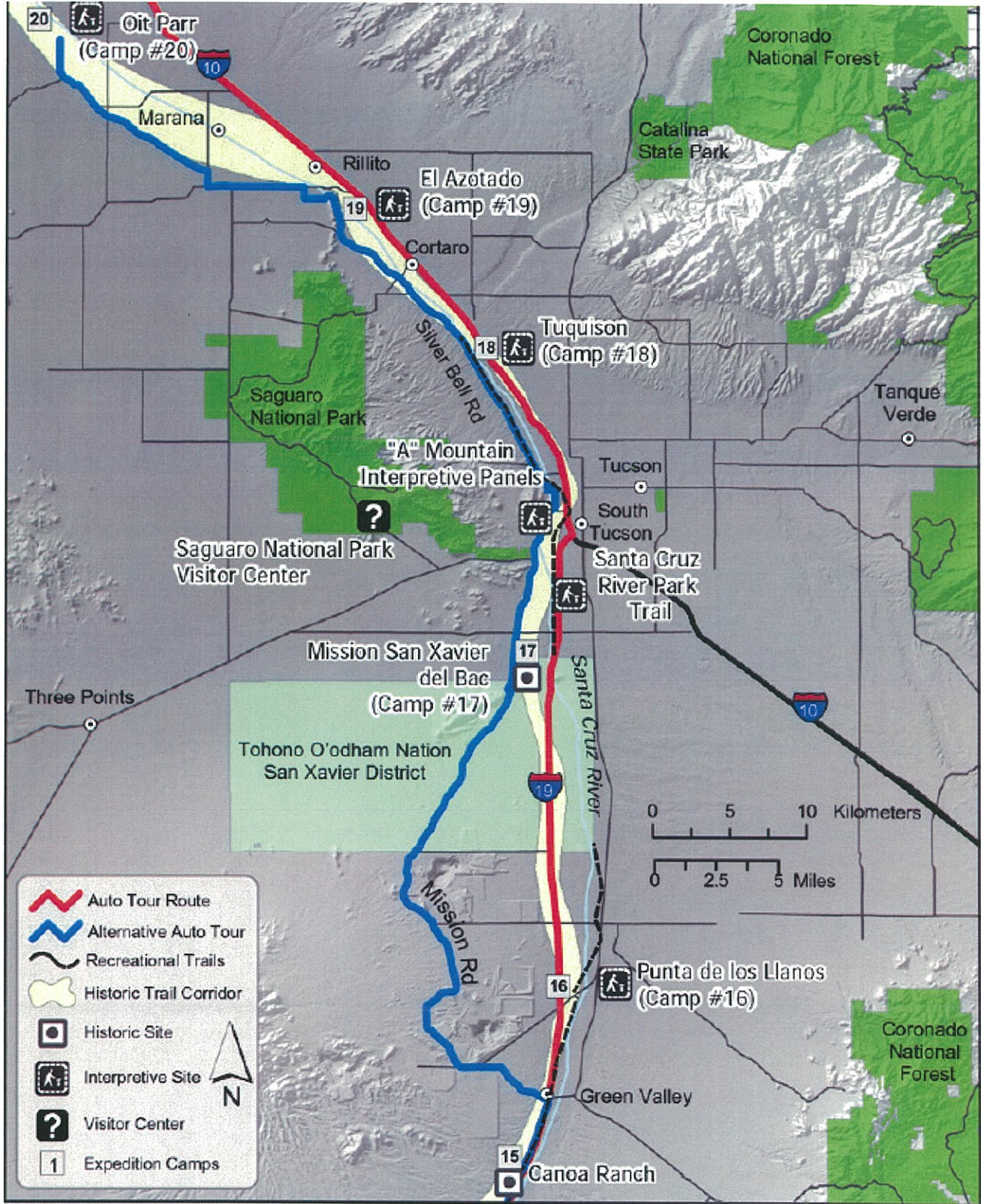
**Proposed El Rio Medio, Congress Street to Prince Road and  
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## Santa Cruz on the River; River takes pair for joyous ride

Laura Brooks

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TUBAC - They got slammed, bumped, tossed and dumped. But in the end, the canoe ride down the **Santa Cruz** was ``a hoot," says Sherry Sass, head of Friends of the **Santa Cruz River**, and Mark Larkin, also a group member.

An avid **river** watcher, Sass says she often wondered about cruising the waterway.

``It's not like a major thoroughfare for **boats**, God knows," Sass admits. But, ``I think it's navigable some of the time."

Last year, after the January floods, Sass and Larkin decided it was time to float - not tote - Larkin's **boat**.

The duo searched for water ``deep enough that you can float for a distance, but not dangerous," Sass says.

A mile south of Tubac, they found a spot where the water was waist deep and running hard.

``We basically just jumped in and slammed against a cottonwood and got dumped," Sass says.

``It wasn't a real good start," says Larkin, deadpanning.

Then, as Sass helped pull the 17-foot canoe off the tree against the stream, she slipped and skinned her leg.

``I was stunned at the power of the **river**," Sass says. ``Somehow we got back in and shot down the **river**. And it was just a hoot after that."

The pair rode about three miles of **river** before pulling the plastic canoe ashore beyond Tubac.

Like Sass and Larkin, there have been others who ``sailed" the **river**.

One trip occurred during 1914 floods, apparently in the spirit of friendly rivalry between Nogales and Tucson, wrote the late historian Don Bufkin.

On Dec. 26 that year, Nogales officials launched the ``good **boat** Nogales" with a New Year's greeting for Tucson. It was set to arrive at Tucson's Congress Street the next day, The Arizona Daily Star reported. It didn't make it.

``The (ship) Nogales ran into the branches of a fallen tree and is now moored this side of Tubac," the paper reported.

Finally, the stranded **boat** hulk ``was dragged out of the **river** bed and saw service as a watering trough for cattle for many years," Bufkin wrote, quoting the late Judy England, of Tumacacori.







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# Fire Dept. criticizes KRQQ's river stunt Becky Pallack, ARIZONA DAILY STAR

A radio-show stunt that sent an intern **rafting** in the flooded **Santa Cruz River** on Wednesday morning was irresponsible and mocks **the** safety message firefighters have been spreading this summer, a Tucson Fire Department official said.

While **on the** air with Johnjay and Rich **on** KRQQ (93.7-FM), intern Randy Stein launched near West El Camino del Cerro, but he managed to get out of **the river** before a police officer asked him to leave, DJ Rich Berra said.

Stein likely will not face criminal charges for **the** stunt, but Fire Capt. Paul McDonough said "it sends **the** wrong message."

"We've had several drownings in wash-related accidents this year and this kind of behavior is counterproductive to **the** importance of our message: Don't go in **the** wash, don't play in **the** wash," McDonough said.

Berra said he agrees with McDonough, but added: "If we just did responsible things **on the** radio, we would not be entertaining."

He said Stein has performed other stunts and was not in danger.

Two years ago, **the** station was under federal investigation after a man claiming to be a KRQQ intern sneaked onto Davis-Monthan Air Force Base during a presidential visit.

"We don't want kids to do as we do, just listen and enjoy," Berra said. "People who think it's irresponsible don't have an intern trying to earn college credit."

**The** important message, McDonough said, is that washes and **rivers** can be deadly.

"Boulders become wrecking balls, trees and branches become projectiles, and you don't realize **the** force of **the** water," he said. "It can be deceptive."

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**Questions and Answers for the  
Traditional Navigable Waters Determination for the  
Santa Cruz River pursuant to the  
Supreme Court *Rapanos* and *Carabell* Decision**

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**Questions and Answers for the  
Traditional Navigable Waters Determinations for the  
Santa Cruz River**

**General Questions on the Corps' Decision Concerning the Santa Cruz River:**

1. What decision was made by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers about the Santa Cruz River?

**A. Colonel Thomas H. Magness, Commander of the Corps' Los Angeles District, has determined that two reaches of the Santa Cruz River are "traditionally navigable waters." The two reaches are Tubac gaging station downstream to the Continental gaging station and the River Road Treatment Plant to the Pima/Pinal County line. A copy of the decision document can be found on the District's web site ([www.spl.usace.army.mil](http://www.spl.usace.army.mil)).**

2. Why is this decision important?

**A. This decision will facilitate evaluations of tributaries to the Santa Cruz River. Under the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA), the Corps must determine whether particular waterways are covered by CWA jurisdiction. Pursuant to authority under Section 404 of the CWA, the Corps regulates discharges of dredged or fill material into such jurisdictional waterways. Section 404 provides the Corps mandate to safeguard traditional navigable waters (TNW), relatively permanent waters and directly abutting wetlands, as well as other waters and adjacent wetlands possessing a significant nexus to a TNW.**

3. Are other portions of the Santa Cruz River considered traditional navigable waters?

**A. No determination has been made. The Corps Los Angeles District Regulatory Division will continue to evaluate other portions of the Santa Cruz River as possible traditional navigable waters. If sufficient evidence is identified to warrant designating additional reaches of the river as traditional navigable waters, the Corps will document those findings and publish them on the District's web site ([www.spl.usace.army.mil](http://www.spl.usace.army.mil)).**

4. Why was it necessary to evaluate the Santa Cruz River as a traditional navigable water?

**A. A 2006 U.S. Supreme Court decision followed by joint 2007 Corps and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) implementing guidance for that decision requires much more detailed analysis in order to assert CWA**

jurisdiction over wetlands, rivers, tributaries, and other waters. As part of this analysis required to determine jurisdiction, the location of the nearest traditional navigable water must be identified. Several property owners and public agencies within Pima County (which is within the Santa Cruz River Watershed) requested a CWA jurisdictional determination for their property, and the District Engineer's evaluation was initiated as part of the response to that request.

**General Questions on the *Rapanos* and *Carabell* Supreme Court Decision:**

5. What is the significance of the *Rapanos* and *Carabell* decision (hereinafter referred to as *Rapanos*) with respect to Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction?

A. The Supreme Court decision did not affect CWA jurisdiction over traditional navigable waters (TNW) or wetlands adjacent to TNWs. The *Rapanos* opinions established two different standards for establishing jurisdiction over all other waters. The first standard, that given by the plurality opinion, finds CWA jurisdiction if the water body is "relatively permanent," or is a wetland directly abutting a relatively permanent water. The second standard, that given by Justice Kennedy, finds CWA jurisdiction if a water body, in combination with all wetlands adjacent to that water body, has a "significant nexus" with traditional navigable waters. Justice Kennedy identifies a "significant nexus" as existing where those waters significantly affect (i.e., the effect is more than speculative or insubstantial) the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the traditional navigable water.

The *Rapanos* decision did not affect CWA jurisdiction over traditional navigable waters and their adjacent wetlands.

6. The *Rapanos* opinions seem to agree that navigable waters are protected under the CWA, but do not define that term. How do the Corps and EPA (the "Agencies") define "navigable waters"?

A. Section 502(7) of the CWA defines the term "navigable waters" as "the waters of the United States, including the territorial seas." The Agencies' regulations further define the term "waters of the United States" at 33 C.F.R. § 328.3(a) and 40 C.F.R. § 230.3(s).

7. What is "a traditional navigable water"?

A. "A traditional navigable water" includes: 1) all of the "navigable waters of the United States" defined in 33 C.F.R. Part 329; 2) all waters determined navigable by numerous decisions of the Federal courts; as well as 3) all other

**waters that are navigable-in-fact.**

8. What does “adjacent” mean if a wetland is “adjacent to a traditional navigable water”?

**A. “Adjacent,” as defined in Corps and EPA regulations, means “bordering, contiguous, or neighboring. Wetlands separated from other waters of the United States by man-made dikes or barriers, natural river berms, beach dunes and the like are ‘adjacent wetlands.’”**

9. What is a “tributary”?

**A. A “tributary,” as defined in the *Rapanos* guidance document, means a natural, man-altered, or man-made water body that carries flow directly or indirectly into traditional navigable waters. For purposes of determining “significant nexus” with a traditional navigable water, a “tributary” is the entire reach of the stream that is of the same order (i.e., from the point of confluence, where two lower order streams meet to form the tributary, downstream to the point such tributary enters a higher order stream).**

10. What does “abutting” mean if a wetland is adjacent to a tributary?

**A. Wetlands that are not separated from the tributary by an upland feature, such as a berm or dike, are “abutting.”**

11. What does the term “relatively permanent” mean?

**A. In the context of CWA jurisdiction post-*Rapanos*, a water body is “relatively permanent” if its flow is year round or its flow is continuous at least “seasonally” (e.g., typically 3 months). Wetlands adjacent to a “relatively permanent” tributary are also jurisdictional if those wetlands directly abut such a tributary.**

12. In the context of CWA jurisdiction post-*Rapanos*, what does the term “significant nexus” mean?

**A. A water body is considered to have a “significant nexus” with a traditional navigable water if its flow characteristics and functions in combination with the ecologic and hydrologic functions performed by all wetlands adjacent to such a tributary, significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a downstream traditional navigable water.**

**General Questions on the Corps/EPA *Rapanos* Guidance:**

13. What is the purpose of the *Rapanos* guidance document?

**A. The guidance document provides guidance to CWA section 404 field staff promoting clarity and consistent application of legal mandates enunciated in the *Rapanos* decision.**

14. Did any Federal agency have the opportunity to review the *Rapanos* guidance document prior to its release?

**A. Yes, several Federal agencies, including, the Department of the Army and the Corps of Engineers, the EPA, Dept. of Transportation, Council on Environmental Quality, Office of Management and Budget, and Dept. of Interior, reviewed the document prior to its release.**

15. Does the *Rapanos* guidance broaden or narrow CWA jurisdiction as compared with CWA jurisdiction asserted by the Corps and EPA before the *Rapanos* decision?

**A. The guidance does not broaden or narrow CWA jurisdiction. The guidance document reflects the scope of CWA jurisdiction enunciated by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Rapanos*.**

**The guidance document, based on the *Rapanos* decision, discusses the application of two new analytical standards, plus a greater level of documentation, to support an agency finding that there is the presence or absence of CWA jurisdiction over a particular water body.**

16. How does the guidance address swales, erosional features, and small washes?

**A. Swales and erosional features (e.g., gullies, small washes characterized by low volume, infrequent, and short duration flow) are generally not waters of the United States because they are not tributaries or they do not have a significant nexus to downstream traditional navigable waters. Likewise, ditches (including roadside ditches) excavated wholly in and draining only uplands and that do not carry a relatively permanent flow of water are generally not waters of the United States, because they are not tributaries and they do not have a significant nexus to downstream traditional navigable waters.**

**Even when not jurisdictional waters subject to CWA § 404, these geographic features (e.g., swales, ditches) may still contribute to a surface hydrologic**

connection between an adjacent wetland and a traditional navigable water. In addition, these geographic features may function as point sources (i.e., “discernible, confined, and discrete conveyances”), such that discharges of pollutants to other waters through these features could be subject to other CWA regulations (e.g., CWA §§ 311 and 402).

Certain waters in the arid west may be tributaries having a significant nexus to a downstream traditional navigable water. For example, in some cases they may serve as a transitional area between the upland environment and the traditional navigable waters. During and following precipitation events, tributaries collect and transport water and sometimes sediment and other pollutants from the upper reaches of the landscape downstream to the traditional navigable waters. These tributaries may provide habitat for wildlife and aquatic organisms in downstream traditional navigable waters. These biological and physical processes may further support nutrient cycling, sediment retention and transport, pollutant trapping and filtration, and improvement of water quality, functions that may significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of downstream traditional navigable waters.

17. How does the *Rapanos* guidance address ephemeral or intermittent waters?

A. The jurisdictional status of ephemeral or intermittent waters depends on whether such waters meet either the plurality or Kennedy standard as described above. Waters that flow only following precipitation events (ephemeral) will need to meet the Kennedy significant nexus standard to be jurisdictional. Intermittent streams will either need to flow at least seasonally to meet the Scalia permanent flow standard, or will have to meet the Kennedy significant nexus standard to be jurisdictional.

**Questions on Jurisdictional Determinations Requiring a “Significant Nexus” Evaluation:**

18. Which aquatic resources will require, as a matter of law, a “significant nexus” evaluation for the Corps to assert or decline CWA jurisdiction?

A. A “significant nexus” evaluation is required to assert CWA jurisdiction over the following categories of water bodies: 1) non-navigable tributaries that are not relatively permanent, including their adjacent wetlands; and 2) wetlands adjacent to, but not directly abutting, a relatively permanent tributary.

In addition, a policy decision has been made to collect information relevant to a significant nexus evaluation for all “intermittent” non-navigable

**tributaries and their adjacent wetlands, (i.e., even if the tributary's flow may be relatively permanent, but is not perennial).**

19. How will the Agencies evaluate "significant nexus" to traditional navigable water with respect to tributaries that have adjacent wetlands?

**A. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must assess the aquatic functions performed by the tributary itself and in combination with the aquatic functions performed by the tributary's adjacent wetland(s), as these functions relate to the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a downstream traditional navigable water.**

20. How will the Agencies evaluate "significant nexus" to traditional navigable water with respect to adjacent wetlands?

**A. If the wetlands are adjacent to a tributary, the significant nexus evaluation must assess the aquatic functions performed by the tributary itself, in combination with the aquatic functions performed by the tributary's adjacent wetland(s), as these functions relate to the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a downstream traditional navigable water.**

21. Do the Agencies believe that "significant nexus" is different for tributaries that have no adjacent wetlands as opposed to tributaries that do have adjacent wetlands?

**A. Although different methods and considerations may be used to determine if a significant nexus exists for a tributary that has no adjacent wetlands as opposed to a tributary that has adjacent wetlands, the basic concept of "significant nexus" is the same. For both types of tributaries, the significant nexus evaluation is based upon the aquatic functions performed by the reach of water body under consideration, including any and all of that water body's adjacent wetlands. The Agencies must demonstrate whether those functions will have a significant effect (more than speculative or insubstantial) on the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a traditional navigable water.**

22. Who is responsible for performing the jurisdictional determination and documenting the findings?

**A. The Agencies will be responsible for performing the jurisdictional determination in a CWA Section 404 context and documenting the findings.**

23. Will small tributaries and their adjacent wetlands that are distant from traditional navigable waters no longer be jurisdictional?

**A. No. Tributaries and adjacent wetlands, even distant ones, meeting the significant nexus standard, will still be subject to CWA regulation.**

**Program Impacts:**

24. Will the Corps revisit jurisdictional decisions made prior to the *Rapanos* decision?

**A. Yes, but only if the applicant requests revisitation. The new review will focus on information affected by the *Rapanos* decision. The Corps will not otherwise revisit jurisdictional determinations that were completed prior to the *Rapanos* decision.**

**Questions Regarding State/Tribal Programs to Protect Aquatic Resources**

25. How does the definition of “waters of the United States” under the CWA affect State or Tribal efforts to protect wetlands?

**A. An important component of successful implementation of the CWA section 404 program is a close working relationship with the States and Tribes. States and Tribes may assume operation of the section 404 program, and to date two States have done so (Michigan and New Jersey). Many States and Tribes have chosen to protect wetlands under State/Tribal law, while working cooperatively with the Federal agencies without formally assuming the 404 program. The CWA establishes a baseline level of protection; nothing in federal law prevents states from providing greater protection.**